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11.0 Close down.

**EVACUATION MEETING**

The Evacuation Representation Committee is holding a meeting this evening at 8 p.m. in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel, at which the situation as it exists will be explained. There will also be discussion as to what future action should be taken.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE

KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB

Members of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club will be "At Home" to all invited Guests on the occasion of the Club's Annual "At Home" and Closing Day, to be held on Saturday, 28th December, 1940. The Lawn Bowls games will commence at 2.30 p.m.

Immediately after these friendly games, there will be a Presentation of Prizes to winners of the various Club Competitions held during the year.

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**Times Square**—Packed in tighter than proverbial sardines are thousands of persons watching election returns in Times Square, New York. This view is looking north from Times building at 11:15 P.M. Stores and restaurants along famed boulevard had braced windows with studding to keep glass intact from surging crowds.



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## King's Address To Empire

*Praises Courage Of British Peoples.*

London, Dec. 26. The dangers and difficulties confronting Britain would be overcome with the help of God and the world would be made a better place in which to live when peace was restored, declared the King in a Christmas broadcast to the nation and Empire yesterday.

"At this time all of us are in the front line," he praised the courage he had seen demonstrated by people on every side and the "splendid good fellowship" they were showing in adversity. He spoke of a word of comfort to members of families separated by the war, the many sons taken from their homes, the many children separated from parents and friends who would be lonely during the Christmas season. He expressed the hope that they would be more happy in the year to come.

The King urged people to do their best to help the fighting services win the war. In the New Year it would be the task of all Britons throughout the Empire to continue their cooperation in the successful prosecution of the war.

In the United States there were many staunch friends and organisations giving assistance to Britain. His Majesty said: "The world will be a better place and Christmas days be happy again when Peace is restored. "I wish all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year."—

The smooth execution of the Settlement's administration could not be hoped for. Moreover, the Settlement's administration directly affected the Japanese campaign against China.

Mr. Hayashi stressed that the demand for larger Japanese representation was natural in view of the Sino-Japanese conflict. The progressing Japanese interests in Shanghai were inseparably connected with strategic considerations. He said that without Japanese co-operation the smooth execution of the Settlement's administration could not be hoped for. Moreover, the Settlement's administration directly affected the Japanese campaign against China.

Mr. Hayashi recalled that the failure of the Japanese to secure more seats in April was due to defects in the election regulations by which British firms divided and registered the land, offices and buildings under their control in the names of their employees, thus being able to create several thousands of votes just before the elections.—United Press.

Mr. Penke then explained why Mr. Wells was granted permission to leave this country.

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Protests from the elderly and some laughter drowned the rest of the sentence.

The second reason was more practical.

**Grave Crisis Surmounted**

London, Dec. 25. In his Christmas Day broadcast this evening, His Majesty King George told the Empire: "We may look forward to the new year with sober confidence. We have surmounted a grave crisis. We do not underestimate the dangers and difficulties which confront us still, but we take courage and comfort from the successes of our fighting men and our Allies which were won at heavy odds on land, in the air and on the sea. The future will be hard, but our feet are planted on the path of victory and with the help of God we shall make our way to justice and peace."

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**Windsor Broadcast**

London, Dec. 25. The Duke of Windsor, speaking over the radio from Nassau, hailed the peace of the new world and prayed that the "end of hostilities be not too far distant and that Britain will not again become entangled in the strife and quarrels of the old world where the teachings of the Church and the message of Christmas has not been heeded."

"We in this colony are engaged in Britain's conflict, but at the same time we are confident in the strength and character of our race and that their endurance and tenacity will bring this terrible war to a successful conclusion. Our admiration for the gallantry of the fighting forces knows no bounds, but our special sympathy goes out to all who have become innocent victims of modern warfare."

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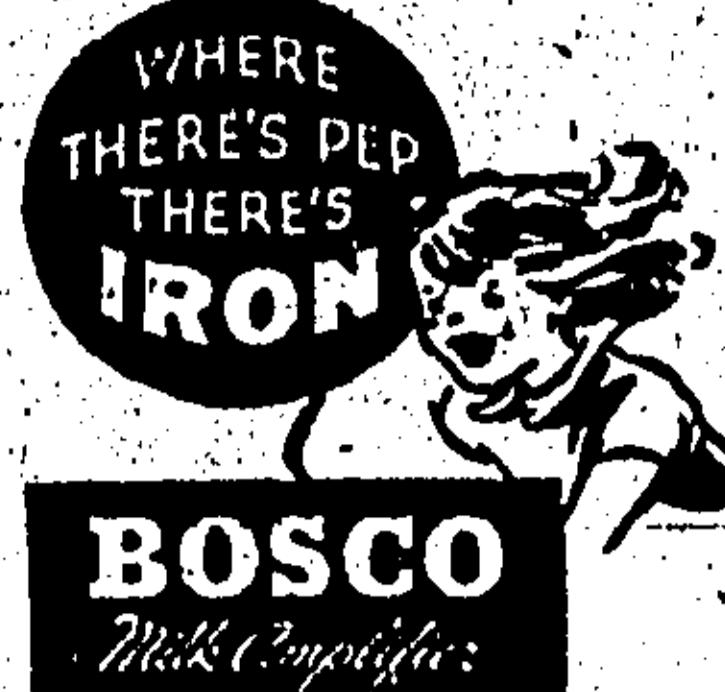
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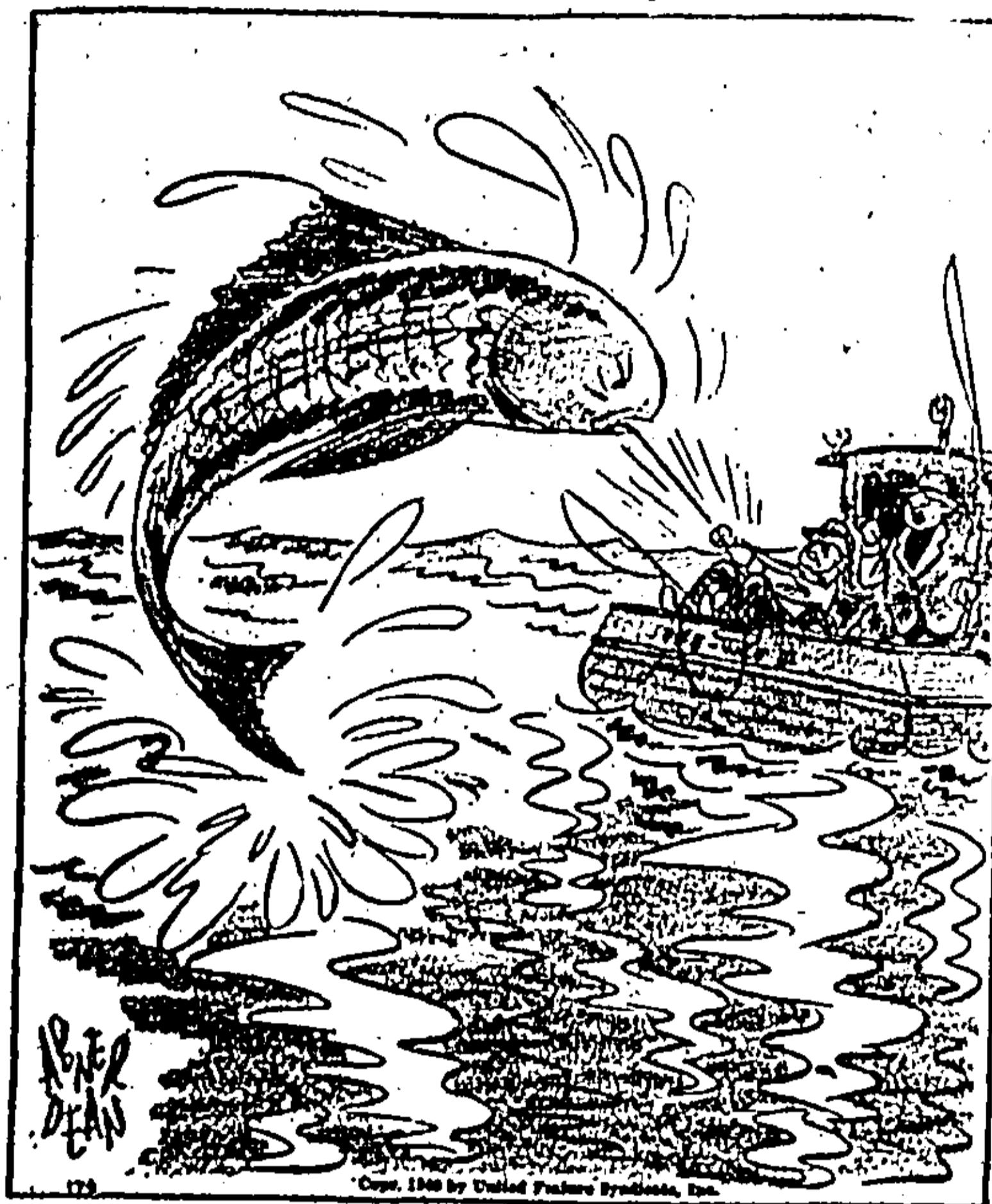
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## FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Dean



"Better let him go . . . nobody'd believe you anyhow!"

## SO I BALED OUT . . .

Simply but vividly, a British fighter pilot describes what lies behind the official phrase, "But the pilot is safe."

OUR squadron of fighters was flying east when three enemy aircraft were seen flying west, in the clouds overhead. I told our leader that I would climb with my flight above the clouds and investigate.

As I did this, twelve Messerschmitt 109 fighters emerged. Still climbing, I made for the sun, turned, and gave the order for my flight to break up and attack.

In a moment, our battle began—our six Hurricanes against the enemy's twelve.

The eighteen aircraft chased round and round, in and out of the clouds. I chose my first opponent. He seemed to be dreaming and I quickly got on to his tail and gave him a short burst which damaged him.

I flew in closer and gave him a second dose. It was enough.

He dived, out of control. I followed him down to 6,000 feet. There I circled for a minute or two and watched him dive vertically into the calm sea.

I opened my hood for a breath of fresh air and looked about the sky. There was no sign of either the enemy or my own flight. I was alone.

I CLIMBED back into the cloud, which was thin and misty. Three Messerschmitts, flying in line astern, crossed in front of me—so close that I could see the black crosses on their wings and fuselages.

I opened fire on number three in the formation. We went round and round in decreasing circles as I fired.

I was lucky again. Pieces of his wings flew off. Black smoke came from his plane.

He dived, and I fired one more burst at him, directly from astern.

We were doing a phenomenal speed—then my ammunition gave out, just as the other two Messerschmitts attacked me.

## The Great Famine Has Begun

by W. N. EWER

EUROPE'S Great Famine, forecast for this winter, has already begun. The Nazi Press is boasting of it openly.

"The standard of living of the Dutch people," says the *Deutsche Volkswohl*, "must be lowered if the conquered country is to supply Germany with food."

"The food supplies in the Danish storehouses have been exported to Germany," says the *Volkischer Beobachter*.

"All Dutch supplies will be placed at the service of the German people," says the *Frankfurter Zeitung*.

"In occupied France," says the Nazi-controlled Radio Luxembourg, "the harvest is being supervised by German organizations."

"All agricultural produce and all 'odds and ends' are being requisitioned," says the German official news agency.

The Nazis boast that food in Germany is now plentiful. Rations are being increased in the Reich—and correspondingly reduced in the conquered countries.

Steadily and systematically the work of plunder is going on.

The Germans are to be fed. If that means that Dutch and Belgians and French, Danes and Norwegians and Poles, starve—why should Germany worry? "Woo to the conquered!"

## HUN'S HAND

The purpose of these sweeping invasions was double. Partly it was strategic. Partly it was sheer plunder.

It has given the Reich, as Hitler himself boasted in the Reichstag, "control of 70,000,000 people who can be active in the economic scheme."

The plan is being carried out ruthlessly. The conquered countries are being told that they must reorganize their whole economic life for the benefit of the conquerors.

France is warned that she is "over industrialized"; that she must shut down her industries, set her workers to grow more food—for German consumption.

Holland is told that she must change her whole system of cattle farming.

"The meat from the slaughter of cattle which becomes necessary," adds the Nazi Commissar-General, "will be taken over by the Reich."

Food for Germany. Privation, or even starvation for the Dutch.

They must slaughter their cattle—and Germans will eat the meat.

As it is with Holland, so it is with hapless Denmark.

## PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE: THE LITTLE THINGS . . .

Another instalment from the no shrappool. Gah, yow Jerries! you didn't notice it. Cup o' diary of a journalist who en-Just let me get one smack at char 'ere; cup o' char there. listed in the Guards. yow!"

THE sky twinkles like a spangled skirt in a sport-light. It is ack-ack fire. The Silence says: "It's funny." Barrage is up.

The guns sound like blankets being vigorously shaken. All round us searching lights shoot most of us would have yelled look at my bed and said, Hell. up, bounce off clouds, and swing blue murder if we were asked Three boards, and a donkey's to, and fro, making strange patterns.

Something goes past; then pop.

"Shrapnel," says the man from Leicester. "I ain't frit o' ed myself free of a house with my good food."

And now I come to a pleasant recollection—in spite of my injured foot and my painful landing.

The people in that seafaring town were wonderful. A woman appeared with a cup of tea—in one second. Then a policeman with a whisky and soda.

I drank the whisky and soda first.

I remember one amusing incident. I was lifted into the ambulance. A little boy of seven came over to me with cigarettes and he said: "Good luck, sir. When I grow up I'm going to be an airman, too."

## Crossword Puzzle

BY LARS MORRIS

1—Lift	2—Printer's hell
3—Master	4—Algebraic letter
5—Press into sheets	6—French protectorate
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15—in the same place (abbr.)	8—Lord of the body
16—Dart-thrower	9—Orlando (abbr.)
17—Perilous	10—Dreadful and staggering
21—Mors docto	11—Dreadful
22—The French	12—Variety
23—Wide west	13—Reproach
24—Bill talker	14—Shame of first
25—Dona (apple)	15—Son of Canada
26—Dona (apple)	16—Pork
27—Japanese vegetable	17—Porker
28—Decided spot	18—Asinine fox
29—Delicacy	19—At rest
30—Delicacy	20—Throbbing
31—Gentleman	21—Dreadful who knew
32—Gentleman	22—Dreadful
33—Gentleman	23—Gentleman of flowers
34—Gentleman	24—Gentleman of holes
35—Gentleman	25—Answers argument
36—Gentleman	26—Gum
37—Gentleman	27—Gum
38—Gentleman	28—Italian, 13th century
39—Gentleman	29—Political faction
40—Gentleman	30—Animal portion
41—Gentleman	31—Mine
42—Gentleman	32—Compass point
43—Gentleman	33—Denial

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BRITAIN AND THE U.S.

The increasing warmth of Anglo-American relations is one of the most satisfactory features attendant upon the war in Europe. In its political phase this friendship means of course, that our eventual victory is certain, whereas before the odds were quite heavily against us.

A talk with well informed Americans recently elicited the fact, which characteristically never fails to surprise the Englishman, that he personally was in very bad odour with his American cousin. In fact the weight of prejudice against him was so heavy that it will not all be dissipated for some years. One American lecturer remarked that it is still necessary for him to point out that the Englishman is a complete ass before he gains the sympathy of his audience sufficiently to lead on to the use America, can make of these "stooges" for their own purposes in fighting Hitler! By such devious means the inherent distrust of Americans for the English must be overcome even to-day when most of the two peoples realise that our common happiness can only be gained by a common anti-authoritarian front.

The history books on both sides of the Atlantic have been the most potent sources of Anglo-American friction because they blatantly misled schoolchildren as to the course of history and played up their national triumphs to the derogation of other countries. To that vast bulk of people who never learnt more history than was crammed into them at school, such text books undoubtedly raised a fog of confusion and lies which remained all their lives.

In America there are more European minorities than in any other country and most of them can recall through their mother countries many reasons for disliking Britain. It was Britain who thwarted Dutch dreams of Empire, smashed Kaiser Wilhelm's aspirations, put sanctions on Italy, engineered the

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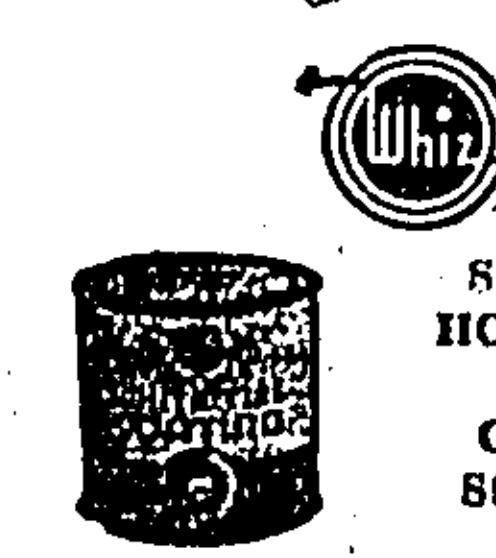
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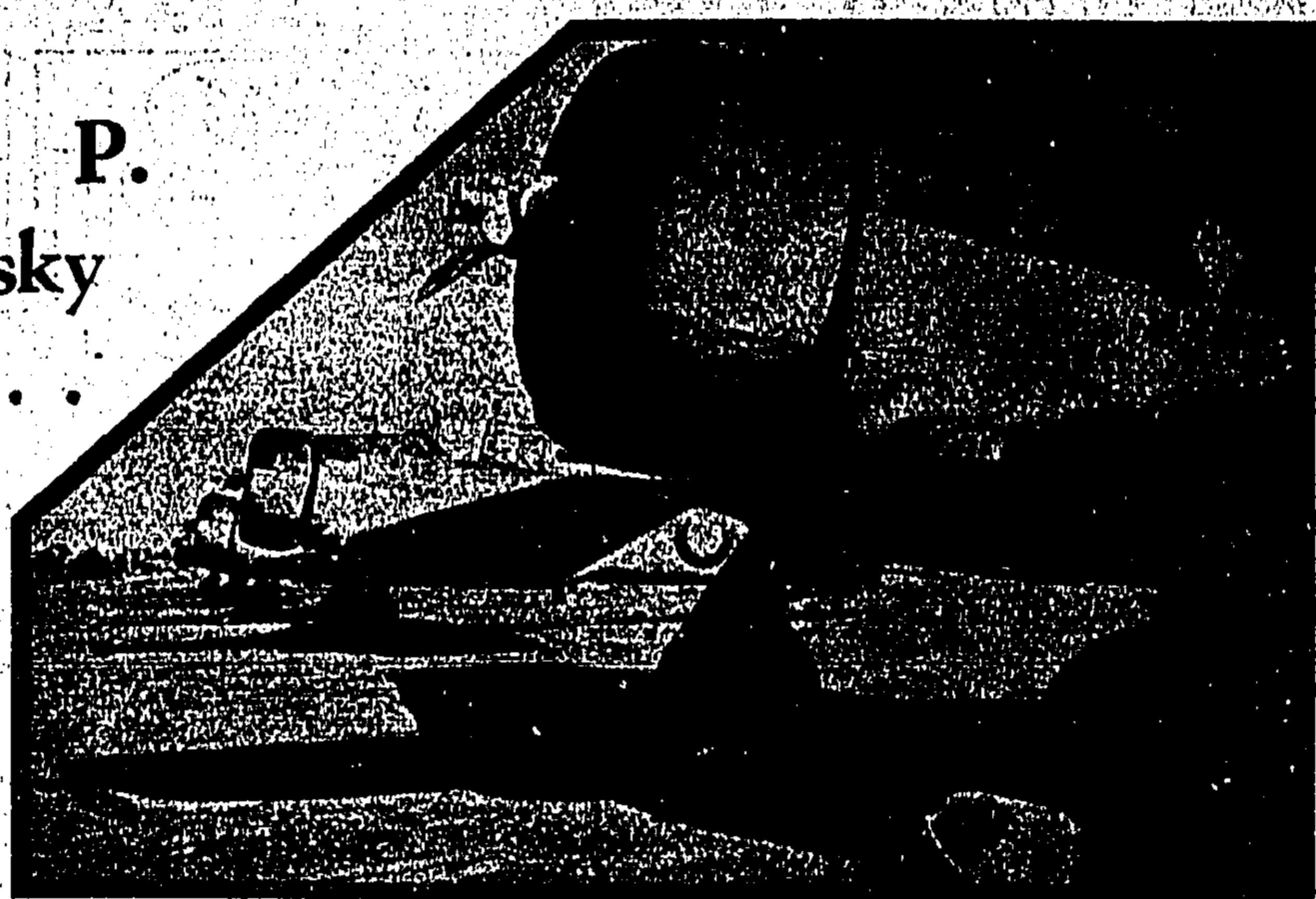
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Major  
Alexander  
De Seversky  
says . . .

In the following article, specially written for the United Press, the noted aeroplane designer and recent recipient of the Harmon Trophy as outstanding aviator of 1939, discusses the importance of air power in connection with the fight between the British and the Axis nations for domination of the Eastern Mediterranean, now centred in the battles in Greece and in the Western Desert.



In the past any discussion of the control of the Mediterranean area revolved around Gibraltar, Malta, Haifa and Alexandria. But air power once again, in the unfolding campaign of this crucial area, will recast the old and accepted strategic maps of the world.

Little mention, for instance, was made of Crete in the past. Yet to-day that island, to the southeast of Greece, seems destined to be the pivotal point in the great struggle for Mediterranean mastery. That is where the decisive air battles of the campaign are shaping up. One look at the map discloses how Crete, heretofore an inconspicuous island, viewed to-day through the glasses of war, becomes the logical commanding centre of the entire eastern half of the Mediterranean.

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Both enterprises were necessary "next steps" in the attempt by the Axis to meet British sea supremacy with the only counter-weapon they possess, namely their air power. In Scandinavia their task was to

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For the rest we shall let the voice of the working man speak to his opposite number across the oceans and let them with uncultivated tongues, speaking from the forge and factory where they work long hours uncomplainingly to arm democracy against the Axis, tell each other Anglo-American friendship will be of sterner stuff in future. That relationship must be part of Mr. Churchill's "new order" in Europe.

encircle the British Isles, and in Last April the Germans had an impressive striking power, Greece it is to encircle the Suez determined to deny the British but they, are extremely vulnerable. The use of Scandinavian waters, able to pursue attacks because the Eastern Mediterranean too with the situation only by locks the pursuit fighters to con-

dangerous for the British fleet, bringing their superior air power, his bombers effectively. That is the sense in which Crete strength to the shores of the Hitler must therefore make up to the Mediterranean under the direction by contributing

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## Japanese Freighter's Adventurous Voyage

Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, Dec. 26 (Domei).—Ten months after it left Yokohama for Marseilles, the 7,149-ton war-scarred N.Y.K. freighter Nagara Maru returned here after experiencing two air raids while in French and Italian harbours, and undergoing delays of 65 days in Genoa and 78 days in Colombo.

The Nagara Maru left Marseilles on June 2 when the Luftwaffe raided that port, she proceeded to Algiers, then to Naples and Genoa. The vessel, retracing her course to Naples when Genoa was attacked by British aircraft. Arriving at Colombo at 11.49 p.m., the ship was detained by British authorities for 78 days.

The freighter called from Colombo on December 2, permitting the crew consisting of 59 members, headed by Captain Masao Takada, to obtain the first glimpse of their homeland since March 27.

Recounting his experiences at Marseilles, Captain Takada said that the Luftwaffe carried out five raids against the harbour on June 1 and 2. The Nagara Maru's bridge and wood-work were damaged by the splinters of bombs which fell about 60 or 70 metres away, upon which the freighter left there without the aid of a pilot or a towing tug.

Captain Takada expressed his admiration for the "bold and accurate" bombing of the Germans whose aircraft were "almost inaudible."

### Japanese Envoy To Nanking

#### Talks of His "Mission"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—SHANGHAI, Dec. 26 (UP).—The newly appointed Japanese Ambassador to Nanking, Mr. Kumataro Honda, arrived this afternoon en route to his new post.

He said that since the preliminary work in the adjustment of relations between Japan and China had already been done with the successful conclusion of a basic treaty between the two countries on November 30, his mission entailed bringing about closer co-operation between the Japanese and Chinese peoples in line with the policy outlined in the Pact.

The 60-year-old Ambassador emphasized that he would discharge his duties in the letter and spirit of the Nanking-Tokyo Treaty, though he was not personally acquainted with the leaders of the National Government at Nanking. "I shall do my utmost to discharge my duties to the mutual benefit of both Japan and China," he said. "After settling down in Nanking I may tour North China and may return to Tokyo for a visit and to report on conditions and my impressions in China."

### Belgians Called To Arms

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—A "call to arms" to all Belgians between the ages of 19 and 25 has been issued by the Belgian Consul-General, M. Charles Halleart.

His appeal also includes reserve officers, while volunteers between the ages of 16 and 36 will be accepted.

The announcement says: "Armed Belgian units are now being formed in England to fight side by side with the British and Allied armies. Belgians in countries not occupied by the German Army are affected by this decree and should consult their nearest Consul regarding their present military status."

### Lifeboat Mystery

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (UP).—Captain Joel Gomes, Captain of the Portuguese freighter Goncalo Vhlo, which docked here to-night, said he had sighted an empty lifeboat 200 miles east of the Azores marked "Hamburg."

The Hamburg-American Line owns a 22,000 ton liner by that name but there is no record that the ship has been sunk.

### Christmas Gift For China War Orphans

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (UP).—The Golden Rule Foundation announced to-day that it has cabled \$1,000 to Madame Chiang Kai-shek as an "extra Christmas gift" for China war orphans. They said they planned to send a larger sum on New Year's Day.

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BLIZZARD VICTIMS.—It looked like a grand day for duck hunting when 18 men started out near Red Wing, Minn. But soon a blizzard roared out of the north and the men all were frozen to death. Hero is how rescue party found two of the bodies. Nearly 150 died in Midwest storm.

## SPANISH FEELING

### Xmas Truce Peace Symptom

MADRID, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—The Pope's appeal for peace has found a ready echo in Spain. Formerly a rather fiery newspaper, the "Arriba," official organ of the State Party, to-day has a leader expressing great satisfaction at the virtual Christmas "truce," the fact that on Christmas Day there was no air activity over either Germany or England having already been given prominence in Christmas newspapers.

#### Consistent Status

The "Arriba" expresses the hope that this may be a symptom of the possibility of peace and says: "Spain to-day as when General Franco on the first day of a war, examined the conflict, continues unwaveringly in her position."

As a matter of fact in the speech referred to by "Arriba," General Franco ordered Spaniards to observe the strictest neutrality but, following Italy's entry into the war, Spain became non-belligerent.

### Tokyo Bay Fortress

#### New Commander

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—TOKYO, Dec. 26 (Domei).—The War Office announces that Major General Tsunehi Kobayashi has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Tokyo Bay Fortress succeeding Major-General Saduchi Shioda who recently died.

Major-General Kobayashi, 52, was the commandant of an unspecified corps at the time of the Nomorohama incident and lost his left leg. He has since recuperated from the wound.

### Diet Meeting Plans

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Dec. 26 (Domei).—Mr. Gichi Masuda has been named chairman of the Budget Committee of the House of Representatives, while Mr. Shigeo Nishimura has been named Chairman of the Accounts Committee. Messrs. Tomomasa Kato, Sanetaro Okamoto, and Gunji Matsui have been nominated Chairmen of the Appeals, Disciplinary and Propositional Committees, respectively.

At to-morrow's general meeting of the Diet, Mr. Magochi Tawara will move a resolution thanking the Army and Navy, while Mr. Kiroku Ouchi will present the resolution condoning over the war dead.

### Soviets Capture Spy

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—

MOSCOW, Dec. 26 (UP).—The newspaper "Pravda" reports that a coast guardsman captured an alleged spy, who had entered Soviet Russia from one of the Baltic States, and belongs to the intelligence service of a foreign Power. The paper stated that the spy entered Russia in a small sloop which was wrecked.

### U.S. AID AVALANCHE

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—It we can hold on during 1941, what the United States can produce gives us the certainty of ultimate victory, said Sir Walter Layton shortly after his return to Britain from a tour of America. That aid will become a positive avalanche and will reach its climax next winter and in the spring of 1942.

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## How Diplomats Are Chosen

Selection and examination of candidates for the British Diplomatic Service has followed well-defined tradition for many years, writes a correspondent.

The service is recruited from an exclusive selection of candidates, whose qualification for the entrance examination is carefully decided by a Selection Board appointed by the Foreign Secretary. This board takes into account education, health, general appearance and presence, and family background.

Open competition does not exist, but the preliminary process of selection has been gradually widened of recent years. At one time Eton had a virtual monopoly. Now recruitment is made from other great public schools, such as Harrow, Winchester, Rugby and Charterhouse.

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### Health Is Important

The examination itself is similar to that required for the general Civil Service. French, German and one other language are demanded, and high marks are given for original essays and general intelligence as shown at a private interview.

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# Portugal Gallantly Resist England

Defeated 3-2 With Ten Men:  
A. V. Gosano Injured  
Early in The Match

(By "SCRAMBLER")

Losing their backbone, A. V. Gosano, after fifteen minutes play, Portugal carried on their match in the semi-final round of the "Sunday Herald" Charity Cup yesterday at Kowloon Football Club ground with ten men against England, after putting up a spirited resistance only to be beaten by a better team by the odd goal in five.

As long as "A. V." was with them, they more than held their own, and when this versatile "evergreen" player was injured in a collision with an English player, the Portuguese had to fight hard to avert a big defeat. It was to the credit of their defence that the score stood at that figure, for time after time the abortive English raids were repulsed.

The game was fast and what science was lacking was more than made up by the keenness of both sides. The Portuguese were a diminutive lot, and what they lacked in size was made up by their speed. The forwards played well at times, but there was not the same understanding as was evinced in the English side. Playing with only four forwards during the greater part of the game, T. Alves should have been more on the alert and his weak clearances were a source of relief to the English defence when they were on the attack.

C. Santos too was weak, and should have parted with the ball earlier on many occasions. The live wire was in J. Gomes who was for ever a source of worry to the Englishmen. He would forage for the ball way back in the defence and then bring up same for the other forwards to threaten the English citadel. H. Campos played as well as was to be expected, and his runs down the side line were always fraught with danger.

#### Sound Defence

In defence, the Portuguese more than held their own. The coverings and clearances of D. Alves were a revelation to the eye, and he was the means of stopping many a threatening situation. He was ably supported by C. F. Remedios. B. Gosano taking over the duties of his elder brother in the centre half position played as a third back, and lent admirable support. The wing halves of Maxwell and Pereira were always to the fore. They had their share in marking the attack and were always covering their backs when being attacked. V. M. Marques in goal delighted the spectators with many brilliant saves playing as he did in a strange position. He had much more to do than his opposite number, who nevertheless did what was required of him. Had it not been for Robinson's daring in goal, the English team might have had to play off.

#### Steady Trio

The English team was sound without being brilliant. It was the half back trio that was the mainstay of their display, for although being worried they were never flustered, and always came off with the better end. Pope, Bright and Britt were



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(By "R. Abbit")

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No. 780	1	8089
No. 711	1	234
No. 127	1	127
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No. 1483	1	\$1,030.04
No. 1330	1	523.04
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 003, 1310, 1007, 201, 1707.		

### Home Rugger Results

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—Results of rugby matches played to-day were:

Cardiff 16 Welsh XV 0

Gloucester 26 Army XV 3

Home Counties Rest of England 14

Public Schools 14 Public Schools 3

With 220 on the board, lunch was taken with Richardson 137 and Perry 28—both not out.

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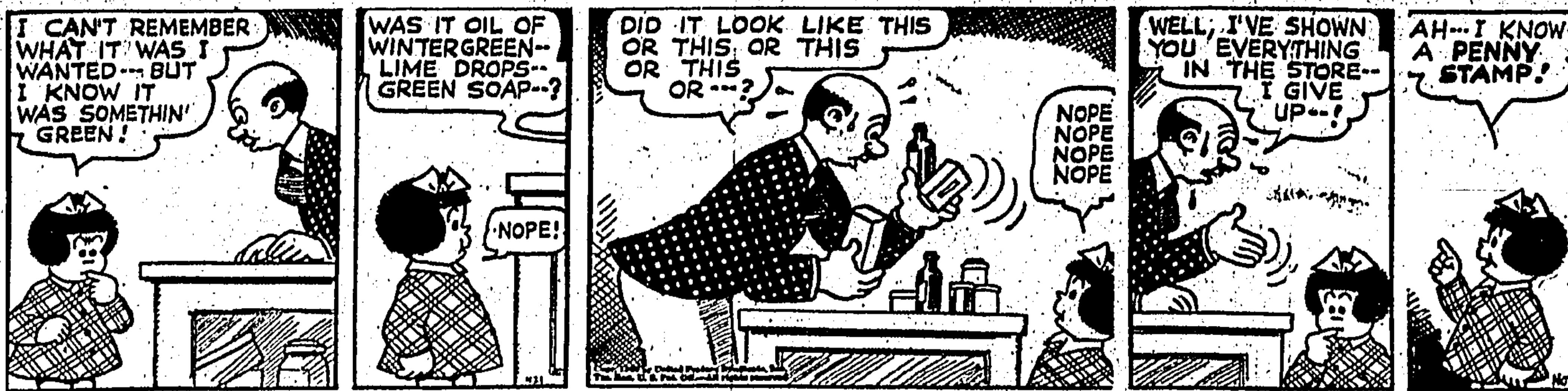
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## NANCY



## Married In America On Xmas Day

Miss Tong Mei-ll, second daughter of Dr Hollington K. Tong, Vice-Minister of Publicity in Chungking, and Mrs Tong, was married to Mr Chen Yih in the United States on Christmas Day, according to a cablegram received by their friends here. The couple will remain in the States for some time.

Both bride and bridegroom are graduates of the Missouri School of Journalism, from which the latter has also obtained a Master's degree. The bride holds an M.A. degree in Political Science from Kansas University.

The bridegroom's father is Mr Chen Ching-han, former editor-in-chief of the *Shun Pao*, a well-known Chinese vernacular paper in Shanghai, and at present manager of the Chung Shing Coal Mining Company.

## Latest Donations To War Fund

About \$1,510,700.01 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post Ltd, with the following donations:

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FLOWER DAY PROCEEDS

Mr Ho Kom Tong, the Chairman, announces that \$1 by the Hongkong Chinese Relief Association realised the net sum of \$3,000, which has been distributed as follows:

British War Organization Fund ... \$700

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H.K. Boys' and Girls' Kitchen ..... 300

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H.K. Boys and Girls Club Association ..... 200

## Seamen Entertained At Sailors' Home

About 85 seafaring men from the Royal Navy and Merchant Service, with about 20 Sea Scouts, were entertained by the Sailors' Home to the usual dinner on Christmas Day when Rev. Cyril Brown, assisted by the Institute's Manager, Mr W. V. Field, presided:

There was the usual Christmas tree from which every man present received a gift. After dinner the party visited merchant seamen in the various hospitals and distributed presents.

The Institute's annual Christmas seafaring dance will be held to-night at 9 o'clock. The Royal Scots Band will attend. All seafaring men in the Colony are invited.



WATCH SAVED HIM.—During an air raid over England, a piece of shrapnel went in there, but didn't hurt J. A. Smith of Rotherhithe. His watch deflected it. Smaller piece stuck in him, so hot that he dropped it when he pulled it out.

## Italian and American Sailors In Brawl

Shanghai, Dec. 25. Scores of American and Italian Marines and sailors were injured last night in a battle at the Royal Majestic Cabaret.

Chairs, bottles and tables flew, damaging sections of the cabaret. It is understood that the fight developed from a minor argument in which the Americans ridiculed the Italians.

It stopped when officers arrived after 20 minutes of wild swinging. The Post and Mercury states that an Italian warrant officer died of injuries. He pulled a gun in an apparent effort to fire it to stop the fighting but an American sailor threw him from the ballroom down a flight of stairs, causing head injuries.

It is said that during the brawl an Italian sailor threw a cabaret girl through a bass drum and an American pushed the sailor's head up and down the piano keyboard.

Italian naval officers denied that the warrant officer had died. "The only injuries our men suffered were abrasions on the outer part of the hands. Our men are light drinkers and heavy fighters," they declared.

However, it is understood that seven Italians were badly cut by flying glass when the marines threw at least four Italians through the closed windows. The Italians fell against the veranda railing instead of into the street.

The Post and Mercury states that 25 Americans and Italians had been admitted to hospital.—United Press.

Domel declares the brawl is understood to have started with a violent argument between an Italian sailor and a United States sailor. The two parted but when the American returned, four Italians jumped on him, precipitating the free-for-all. Chairs, tables, bottles and glasses were thrown during a 20-minute battle which the marine, Italian and shore police were unable to stop and which came to an end only after the appearance of Italian and American officers.

The Evening Post declares that Italian officers yesterday called on

the Fourth Marines Headquarters, apologised for the incident and offered to pay all damages.

The Ballroom is reported to have sustained a loss of \$5,000 in unpaid bills as well as \$2,000 damage to furnishings.

Reuter declares that nine American marines and three seamen have been sent to hospital. The Italian casualties are unknown but several are said to be seriously hurt. The brawl followed an argument over the use of a table. Sikhs of the Settlement Police intervened and assisted the Americans. The clash has been settled amicably and no repercussions are expected.

## Indian Stowaway In Court

Shih A Pan, 34, of Madras, India, was sentenced to two weeks' hard labour for stowing away from Shanghai to Hongkong aboard a British steamer and ordered to be expelled from Hongkong for entering the Colony without a valid passport by Mr E. Hinsworth at Kowloon Magistrate yesterday.

Det-Sergeant Hill said that defendant was found on board the ship after it had left Shanghai. It appeared that the defendant was absolutely "broke" and had been formerly employed as an elephant trainer in a circus. Defendant was trying to return to India.

MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Hongkong and China Branch of the British Medical Association will be held at 9.15 p.m. to-day, in the Urban Council Chamber, with Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, President, in the Chair.

Dr. E. W. Kirk will read a paper entitled "Medical Practice in Hongkong in 1940".

All members of the British Medical Association are cordially invited to be present.

## THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

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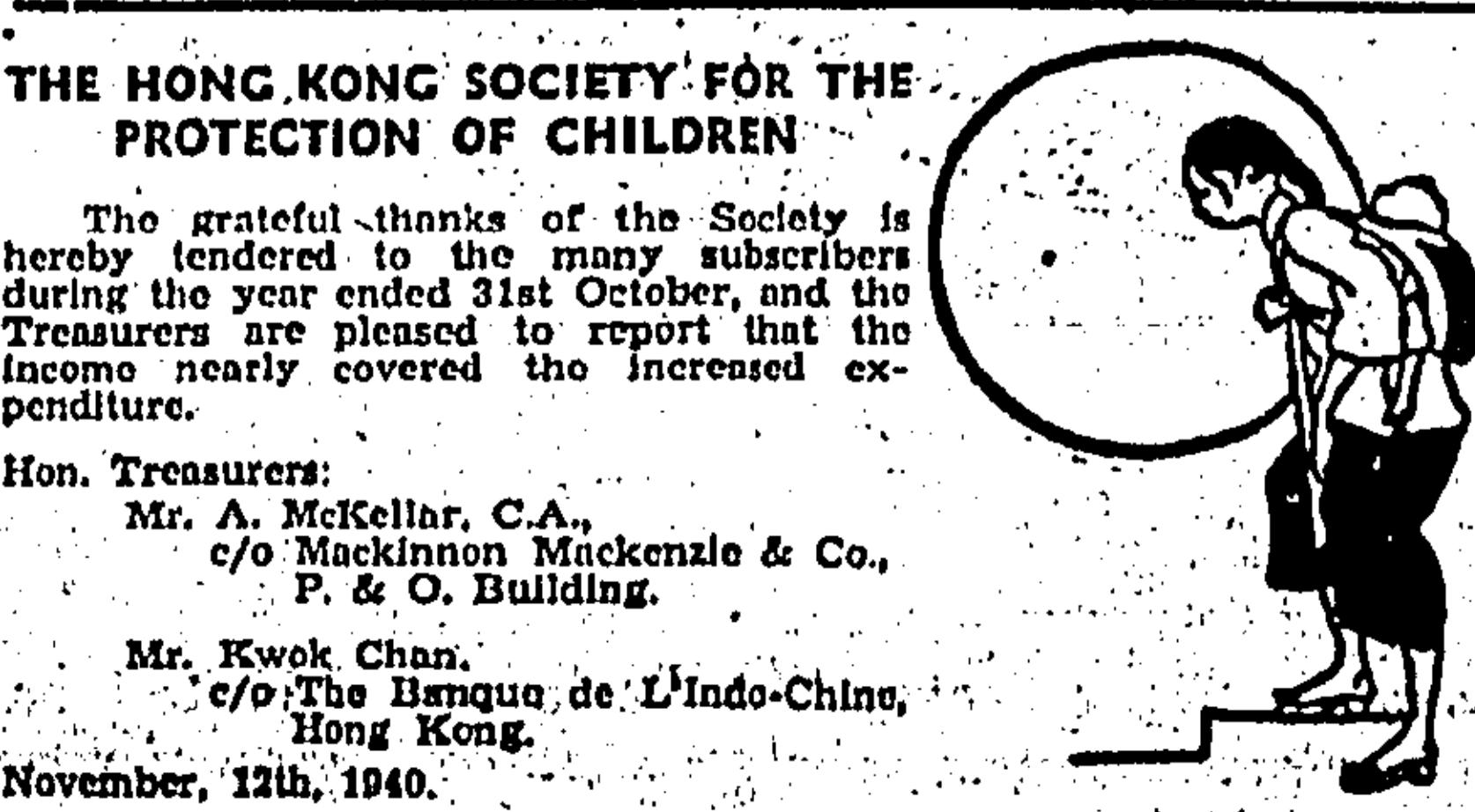
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Day since the passing of the Bank Holidays Act of 1871.

Poor Visibility

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuters)—Poor visibility may have enforced the Christmas bombing "truce," Reuter's air correspondent is informed. It is emphatically denied in London that the absence of British and German raids be the outcome of any official or unofficial understanding.

The following comment was made to-day: "The weather has been bad enough over the Channel. Low cloud and fog have been the rule since Christmas Eve. Added to this, the nights have been particularly black and there is no moon. It would be idle to suggest that Christmas has not influenced those in command of operations at all, but if the weather had been good, I think we should have seen the usual activity."

There is a doubt that the personnel of both the R.A.F. and the Luftwaffe have welcomed the rest and it has been a factor of no small psychological importance that bombing crews have been able to forget their war work for a time and enjoy to the full the season of peace.

Nazi Eyes Turning Towards Turkey

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Turkey and remain aloof from any direct conflict.

The German garrisons in Rumania are estimated to range between ten and thirty divisions but it is admitted that this is purely guess work. Many trains are crossing the country carrying mechanized equipment, artillery and accessories so it is probably material for a score or more divisions which are already on the ground.

Has Much To Gain

Action against Greece would be very difficult at this season of the year; therefore, the springtime theory is favoured among observers here.

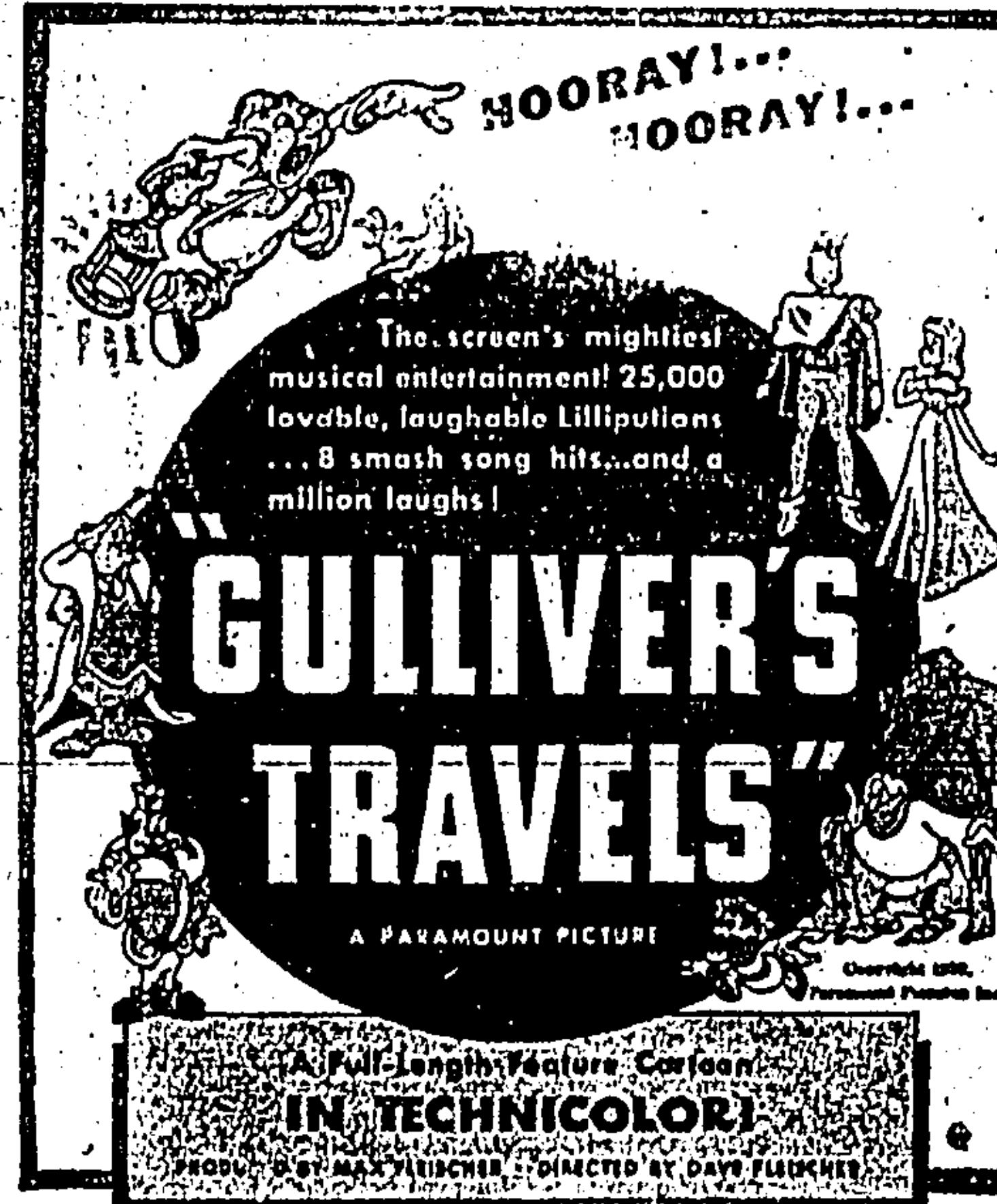
It is pointed out that Germany has just as much to gain by reaching Salonika as she would in helping her faltering partner. From there, the Iraq oil fields are only a few hours bombing-time away. Mosul and Baku, would also be threatened.

There is some speculation that German action against Syria is made necessary by Italian weakness. Action there would necessitate bases on the Aegean Sea and the start would have to be made early because the torrid summer begins early and operations after May would be very difficult.

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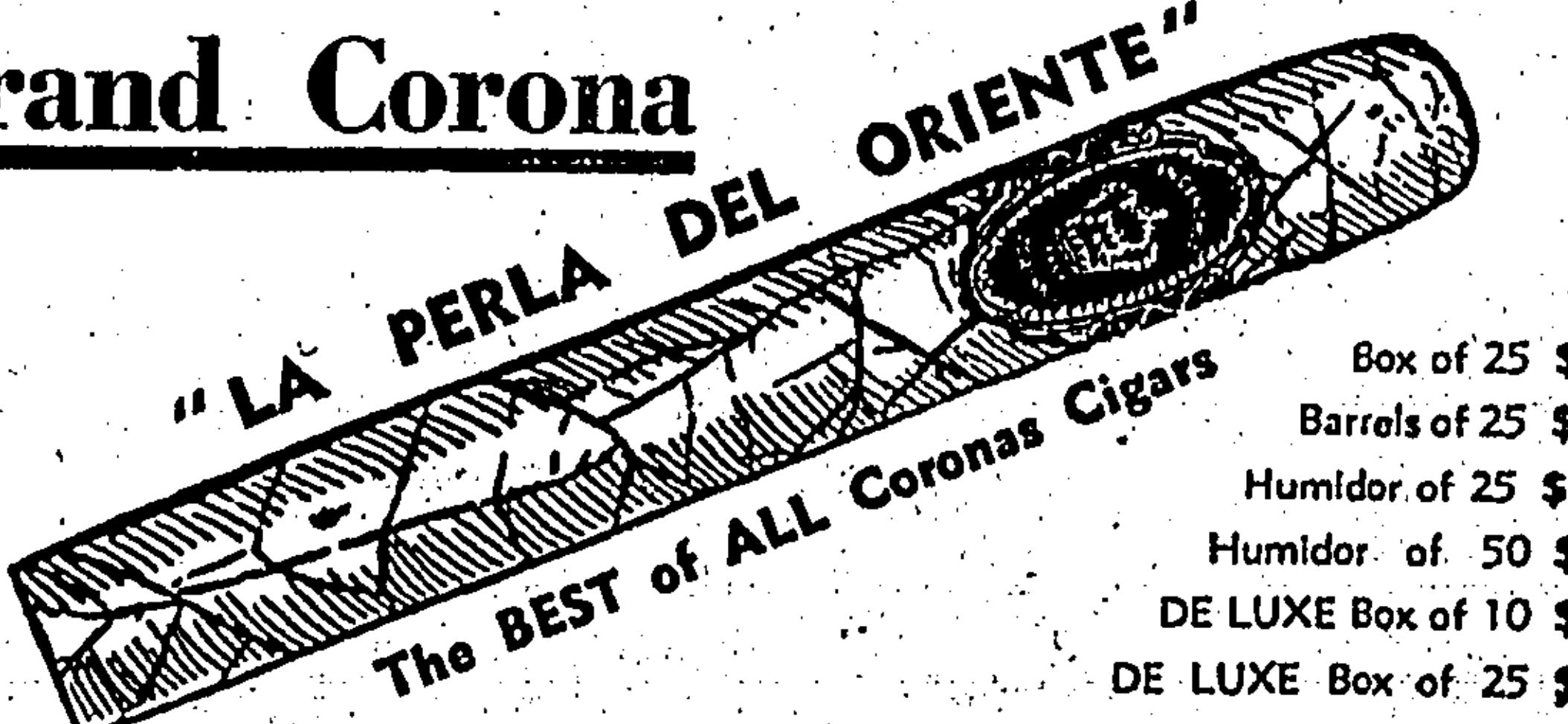
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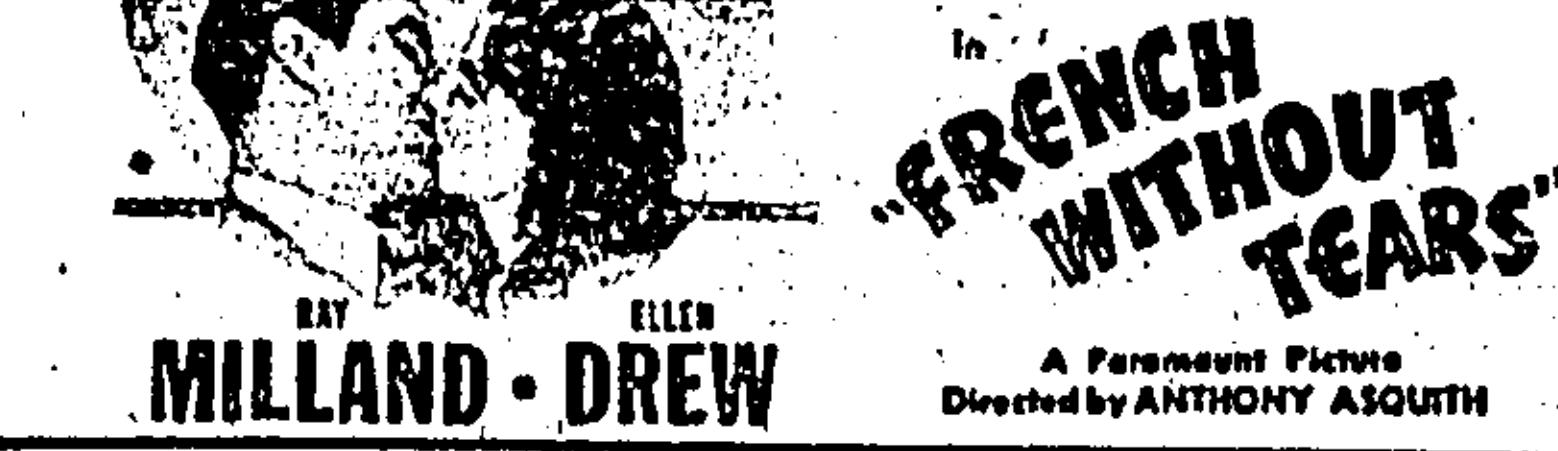
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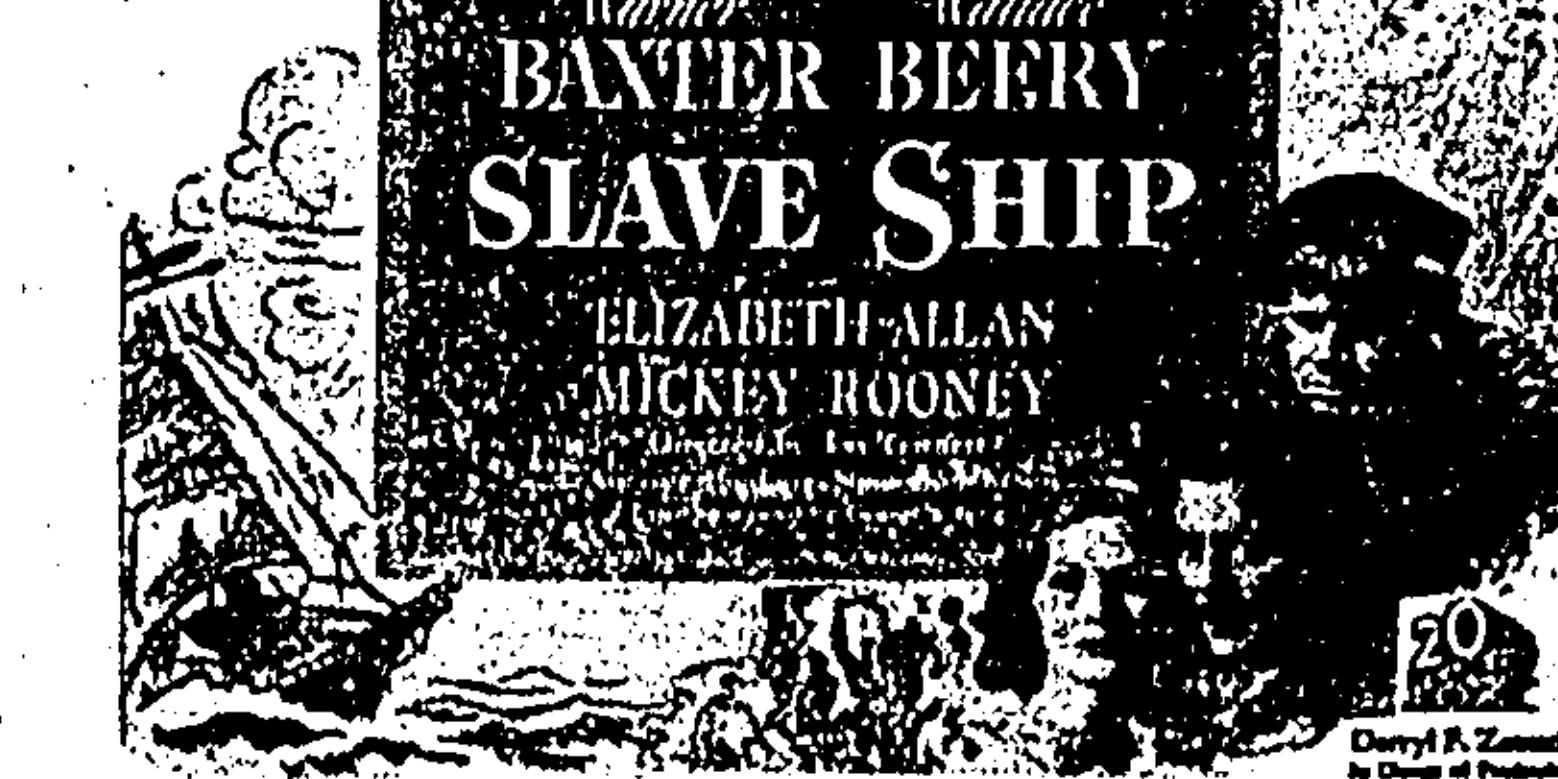
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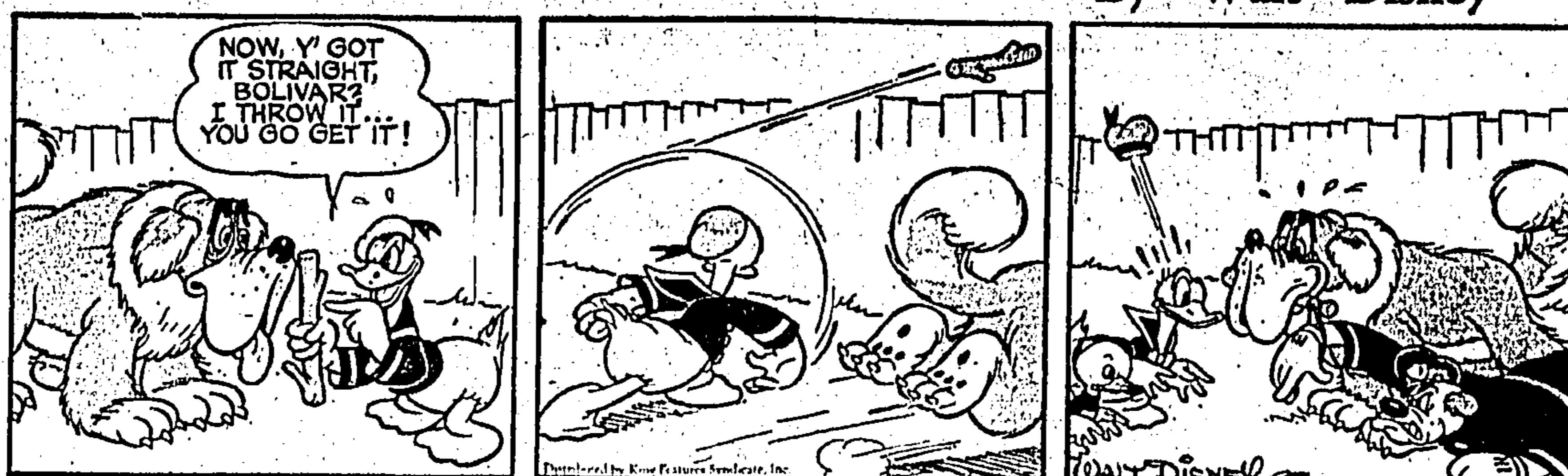
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## FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Dean



"Better let him go . . . nobody'd believe you anyhow!"

## SO I BALED OUT . . .

Simply but vividly, a British fighter pilot describes what lies behind the official phrase, "But the pilot is safe."

OUR squadron of fighters was flying east when three enemy aircraft were seen flying west, in the clouds overhead. I told our leader that I would climb with my flight above the clouds and investigate.

As I did this, twelve Messerschmitt 109 fighters emerged.

Still climbing, I made for the sun, turned, and gave the order for my flight to break up and attack.

In a moment, our battle began—our six Hurricanes against the enemy's twelve.

The eighteen aircraft chased round and round, in and out of the cloud. I chose my first opponent. He seemed to be dreaming and I quickly got on to his tail and gave him a short burst which damaged him.

I flew in closer and gave him a second dose. It was enough.

He dived, out of control. I followed him down to 6,000 feet. There I circled for a minute or two, and watched him dive vertically into the calm sea.

I opened my hood for a breath of fresh air and looked about the sky. There was no sign of either the enemy or my own flight. I was alone.

I CLIMBED back into the cloud, which was thin and misty. Three Messerschmitts, flying in line astern, crossed in front of me—so close that I could see the black crosses on their wings and fuselage.

I opened fire on number three in the formation. We went round and round in decreasing circles as I fired.

I was lucky again. Pieces of his wings flew off. Black smoke came from his plane.

He dived, and I fired one more burst at him, directly from astern.

We were doing a phenomenal speed—then my ammunition gave out, just as the other two Messerschmitts attacked me.

I twisted and turned, but they were too accurate. I could hear the thud of their bullets.

Pieces of my aircraft seemed to be flying off in all directions: my engine was damaged.

Then came a cold stinging in my left foot. One of the Jerry bullets had found its mark.

I was about to dive to the sea and make my escape, low down, when the control column became useless in my hand. Black smoke poured into the cockpit and I could not see.

I knew that the time had come for me to depart.

Everything after this was perfectly calm. I was at about 10,000 feet, but some miles out to sea. I lifted my seat, undid my strap and opened the hood.

The wind became my ally. A hand—actually the slim-stream catching under my helmet—seemed to lift me out of the cockpit.

It was a pleasant sensation. I was in mid-air—floating down so peacefully in the cool breeze that I had to remind myself to pull my ripcord and open my parachute.

When the first jerk was over I swung like a pendulum. This was not so pleasant, but I soon settled down, and I was able to enjoy a full view of the world below—the beach, some miles away, with soldiers—the long lines of villas.

THERE was no sensation of speed but the ripples on the water became bigger, the soldiers on the beach came nearer.

I had one minute of anxiety. As I floated down one of the Messerschmitts appeared. The pilot circled round me, and I was just a little alarmed. Would he shoot?

Well—he didn't. He behaved quite well. He opened his hood, bowed to me and then dived towards the sea and made off towards France.

The wind was still friendly. It was carrying me in towards the beach, took out my cigarettes and lit one with my lighter without any difficulty.

Ages seemed to pass. I threw away the cigarette. I came nearer and nearer to the coast. I could hear the riders passed silent, and passing over the houses on the sea-front, I could see the people looking up at me.

I had descended to about 1,000 feet. I began to sway a little and I could hear my parachute flapping.

For the first time since the enemy pilot circled around me, I became anxious.

Well, the journey ended in a cucumber frame—after I had pushed

## The Great Famine Has Begun

**E**UROPE'S Great Famine, forecast for this winter, has already begun. The Nazi Press is boasting of it openly.

"The standard of living of the Dutch people," says the *Deutsche Volkszeitung*, "must be lowered if the conquered country is to supply Germany with food."

"The food supplies in the Danish storehouses have been exported to Germany," says the *Volkschner Beobachter*.

"All Dutch supplies will be placed at the service of the German people," says the *Frankfurter Zeitung*.

"In occupied France," says the Nazi-controlled Radio Luxembourg, "the harvest is being supervised by German experts."

"All agricultural produce and all foodstuffs are being requisitioned," says the German official news agency.

The Nazi boast that food in Germany is now plentiful. Rations are being increased in the Reich—and correspondingly reduced in the conquered countries.

Steadily and systematically the work of plunder is going on.

"The Germans are to be fed. If that means that Dutch, Belgians and French, Danes and Norwegians and Poles, starve—why should Germany worry? 'Woe to the conquered!'

## HUN'S HAND

The purpose of those sweeping invasions was double. Partly it was strategic. Partly it was sheer plunder.

It has given the Reich, as Hitler himself boasts in the Reichstag, "control of 70,000,000 people who can be active in the economic scheme."

The plan is being carried out ruthlessly. The conquered countries are being told that they must organize their whole economic life for the benefit of the conquerors.

France is warned that she is "over industrialized"; that she must shut down her industries, act her workers to grow more food—for German consumption.

Holland is told that she must change her whole system of cattle breeding.

"The meat from the slaughter of cattle which becomes necessary," adds the Nazi Commissar-General, "will be taken over by the Reich."

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**BRITAIN AND THE U.S.**

The increasing warmth of Anglo-American relations is one of the most satisfactory features attendant upon the war in Europe. In its political phase this friendship means of course, that our eventual victory is certain, whereas before the odds were quite heavily against us.

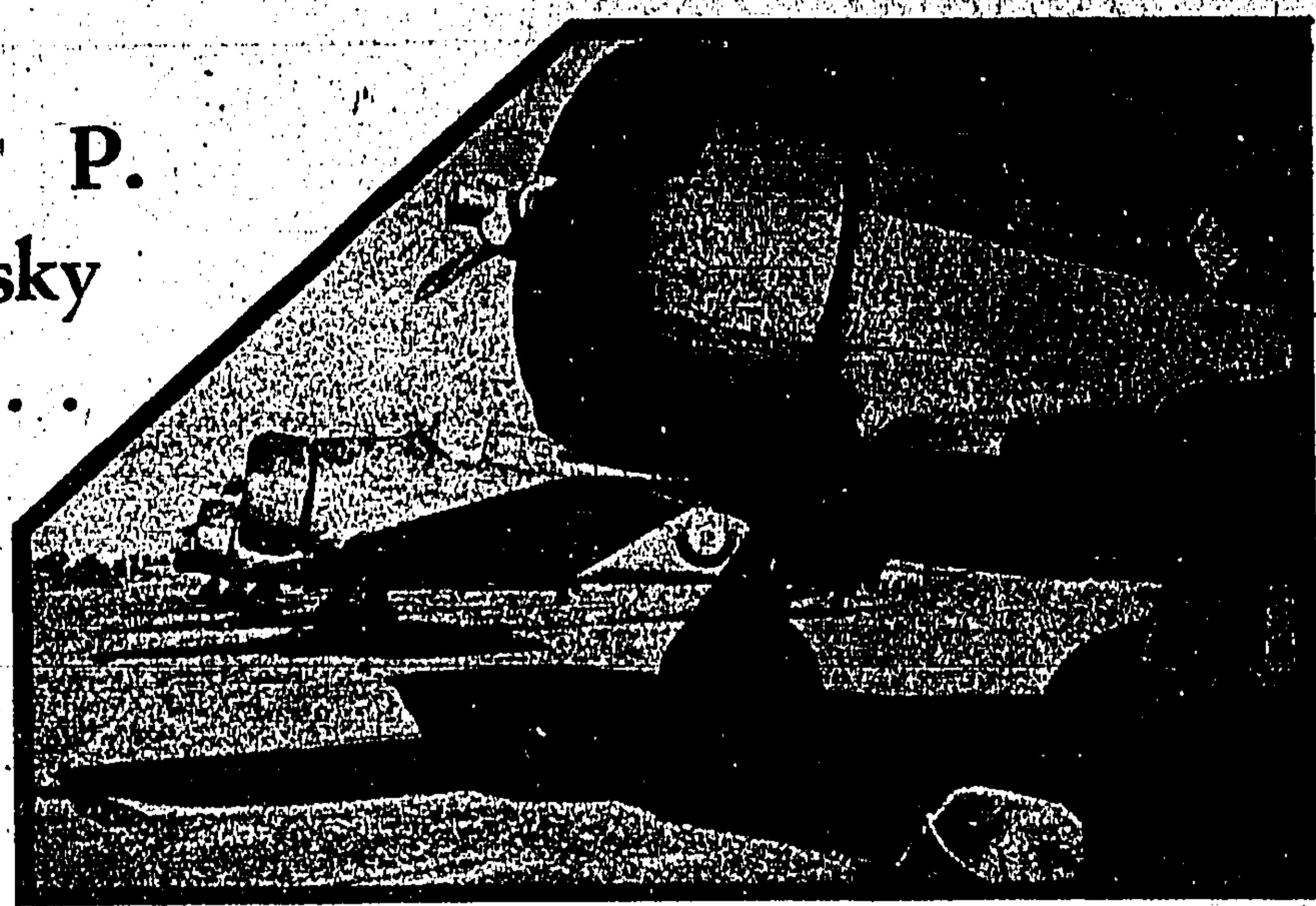
A talk with well informed Americans recently, elicited the fact, which characteristically never fails to surprise the Englishman, that he personally was in very bad odour with his American cousin. In fact the weight of prejudice against him was so heavy that it will not all be dissipated for some years. One American lecturer remarked that it is still necessary for him to point out that the Englishman is a complete ass before he gains the sympathy of his audience sufficiently to lead on to the use America can make of these "stooges" for their own purposes in fighting Hitler! By such devious means the inherent distrust of Americans for the English must be overcome even to-day when most of the two peoples realise that our common happiness can only be gained by a common anti-authoritarian front.

The history books on both sides of the Atlantic have been the most potent sources of Anglo-American friction because they blatantly misled schoolchildren as to the course of history and played up their national triumphs to the derogation of other countries. To that vast bulk of people who never learnt more history than was crammed into them at school, such text books undoubtedly raised a fog of confusion and lies which ruined all their lives.

In America there are more European minorities than in any other country and most of them can recall through their mother countries many reasons for disliking Britain. It was Britain who thwarted Dutch dreams of Empire, smashed Kaiser Wilhelm's aspirations, put sanctions on Italy, engineered the

**Major**  
**Alexander P.**  
**De Seversky**  
**says . . .**

In the following article, specially written for the United Press, the noted aeroplane designer and recent recipient of the Harmon Trophy as outstanding airmen of 1939, discusses the importance of air power in connection with the fight between the British and the Axis nations for domination of the Eastern Mediterranean, now centred in the battles in Greece and in the Western Desert.



## WHO MASTERS THE AIR MASTERS THE MEDITERRANEAN

Last April the Germans had an impressive striking power, encircle the British Isles, and in Greece it is to encircle the Suez determined to deny the British but they are extremely vulnerable to pursuit attacks because the use of Scandinavian waters, able to pursue attacks because

and lacking the necessary sea-they lack defensive armament. Axis control of Crete as an aviation stronghold would make power, the Germans could cope. Even more important, Mussolini with the situation only by lacks the pursuit fighters to

bring their superior air force effectively to the shores of the Hitler must therefore make up

the difference by contributing

enough Messerschmitts and other fighters to give the Axis a well-balanced air weapon.

But contrary to popular conception, most of the equipment of German air power is unable to carry on except at fairly close range. It is by no means a self-sufficient air arm, having been built for co-ordinated action

with land forces. To extend its operations, German aviation, as now constituted, must move its line of operating bases quite close to its targets.

The result is that German aviation can advance only as fast as it can move its supplies and establish new aerodromes. That is why there was an interval of more than a month between the occupation of Norwegian coastal points by the British and their expulsion by Nazi air attack.

Another such time interval is just as unavoidable before the combined German-Italian aviation can go after Crete.

**THE LESSON OF NORWAY**

We must assume, however, that the British high command has profited from the experience of the British with the support of the Norwegian reverses. It knows that to control Crete it must prevent establishment of air force into play against nearby airdromes in southern Greece for Axis operations. More important, it has learned the crucial lesson that it cannot rely on its fleet air arm (the carrier-based aviation) against land-based enemy aircraft. Unless Britain can meet the combined Italian and German air force, it will be merely a question of time before the fleet must retire as it did in the North Sea.

**AXIS AIR POWER**

Italian aviation could not manage this alone. We may take it for granted that Mussolini is merely clearing the ground for the collaboration of German aviation. The Italian bombers—such as the Piaggio, the Caproni and the Savoia-Marchetti—have a long reach

**COMPLEMENTARY ACTIONS**

In both cases costly land operations would have been unnecessary if the Axis had possessed genuine air power, with the range and striking force (bomb loads) entirely possible at the present stage of aeronautical science. We must see to it that the implications of this are fully understood and taken into consideration by those responsible for the planning of our own American air defence. They must realize that there is a big difference between genuine self-dependent air power and an air force conceived primarily as an adjunct of some other arm. This difference is growing even bigger with the rapid progress of aeronautics.

Overwhelming British naval superiority in the Mediterranean will be as irrelevant as it proved to be in the Norwegian campaign. The air factor will tell the story.

Much will depend, obviously, on the measure in which Churchill can divert air force from the battle of Britain to reinforce the Mediterranean positions. In that sense the battle of Britain complements the Greek campaign. That is the chief reason, in fact, why Hitler must keep up his attack on the British Isles.

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**Barring None**

"We could skate over—if it would get cold enough to freeze the Channel."  
(In the "Chicago Daily Times.")

## Japanese Freighter's Adventurous Voyage

Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, Dec. 26 (Domei).—Ten months after it left Yokohama for Marseilles, the 7,149-ton war-scarred N.Y.K. freighter Nagara Maru returned here after experiencing two air raids while in French and Italian harbours, and undergoing delays of 65 days in Genoa and 78 days in Colombo.

The Nagara Maru left Marseilles on June 2 when the Luftwaffe raided that port, she proceeded to Algiers, then to Naples and Genoa. The vessel, retraced her course to Naples when Genoa was attacked by British aircraft. Arriving at Colombo at 11.40 p.m., the ship was detained by British authorities for 78 days.

The freighter sailed from Colombo on December 2, permitting the crew consisting of 59 members, headed by Captain Masao Takada, to obtain the first glimpse of their fatherland since March 27.

Recounting his experiences at Marseilles, Captain Takada said that the Luftwaffe carried out five raids against the harbour on June 1 and 2. The Nagara Maru's bridge and wood-work were damaged by the splinters of a bomb which fell about 60 or 70 metres away, upon which the freighter left there without the aid of a pilot or a towing tug.

Captain Takada expressed his admiration for the "bold and accurate" bombing of the Germans whose aircraft were "almost inaudible."

## EGYPT'S VIGILANT DEFENCES

CAIRO, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—The Chamber of Deputies, after three days of secret debate, passed by 122 to 68, a vote of confidence in the Government's foreign policy.

The Prime Minister, Sirry Pasha, winding up the debate, declared that danger to Egypt was remote after the British victory but that Egypt was continuing its defence preparations.

Sirry Pasha said that the Government's policy was based on fulfilment of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty and defence of the country. Egypt was loyally carrying out the Treaty.

The debate revealed general agreement with the speech from the Throne at the opening session of Parliament when Sabry Pasha (then Prime Minister) collapsed and died.

## Diet Meeting Plans

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" TOKYO, Dec. 26 (Domei).—Mr Gichi Masuda has been named Chairman of the Budget Committee of the House of Representatives, while Mr Shiget Nishimura has been named Chairman of the Accounts Committee. Messrs Tomonaga Kato, Sanetaro Okamoto, and Gunji Matsui have been nominated Chairmen of the Appeals, Disciplinary and Propositional Committees, respectively.

At to-morrow's general meeting of the Diet, Mr Magochi Tawara will move a resolution thanking the Army and Navy, while Mr Kiroku Ouchi will present the resolution condoning over the war dead.

## Latest Donations To War Fund

A total of \$1,516,760.01 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post Ltd, with the following donations:

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FLOWER DAY PROCEEDS ..... 25  
Mr Ho Kew-Tung, the chairman, announced that the Flower Day organized on December 21 by the Hongkong Chinese Relief Association realized the net sum of \$3,000, when has been distributed as follows: British War Organisation Fund ..... \$750 British Fund for Relief of Distress in China ..... 750 H. K. Chinese Association ..... 250 Lady Pollock's Food Kitchens ..... 250 Home for the Aged (Sisters of the Poor) ..... 250 St. John's Industrial School ..... 250 Society for the Protection of Children ..... 250 St. John Ambulance ..... 250 Society of St. Vincent de Paul ..... 250 St. John Boys and Girls Club Association ..... 250

## Free China Observes Yunnan Uprising

CHUNGKING, Dec. 26 (Central News).—Chinese yesterday marked the 25th anniversary of the Yunnan Uprising, which was led by Generals Tsai Ao and Tang Chi-yao in 1915 to overthrow Yuan Shih-kai's monarchy.

More than 600 government officials and military leaders held a meeting at the National Government Headquarters in Chungking under the chairmanship of President Lin Sen.

General Pai Chung-hsi, Vice-Chief of General Staff, delivered the principal speech in which he exhorted the Chinese to stronger solidarity and to continue the present war of resistance and national reconstruction under the leadership of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. He warned against any activity that may jeopardize the

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### BUYING

4 m/s L/C London	1/314
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4 m/s France	None
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U.S. Cross rate in London	4.03
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.033

## Dover Patrol's Anti-Invasion Vigil Kept

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—Perfect "invasion" weather occurred in the Straits of Dover during Christmas and heavily armed guards were doubled against the possibility of a lightning German thrust through the blanket of mist covering the calm sea.

Picked troops combed the beaches while the crews of long-range guns were ready for instant action and the ships of the Dover Patrol slid through the mist keeping their day and night watch.

Meanwhile behind its ramparts Dover enjoyed a peaceful holiday. Shops were as crowded as in peacetime. Music halls and several cinemas were opened and a public dance continued until midnight.

Britain stood on guard against invasion throughout the Christmastide Vigilance Redoubled.

While the unofficial air war "truce" was on, vigilance on the Channel coast was redoubled. Arms workers sacrificed their holiday to ensure a continued steady stream of munitions, and to-day war factories were running at full speed and millions of factory workers and others in offices and public services were working for the first time on Boxing Day since the passing of the Bank Holidays Act of 1871.

### Poor Visibility

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—Poor visibility may have enforced the Christmas bombing "truce." "Reuter's" air correspondent informed that the absence of British and German raids is the outcome of any official or unofficial understanding.

The following comment was made to-day: "The weather has been bad enough over the Channel. Low cloud and fog have been the rule since Christmas Eve. Added to this, the nights have been particularly black and there is no moon. It would be idle to suggest that Christmas has not influenced those in command of operations at all, but if the weather had been good, I think we should have seen the usual activity."

There is a doubt that the personnel of both the R.A.F. and the Luftwaffe have welcomed the rest and it has been a factor of no small psychological importance that bombing crews have been able to forget their war work for a time and enjoy to the full the season of peace.

## Tokyo Bay Fortress

### New Commander

TOKYO, Dec. 26 (Central News).—A Japanese contingent pushing eastward from Hsuehchow in north Anhwei last week, setting the Japanese supply depots and shops sealing Japanese goods on fire.

Over 100 Japanese were killed and two blockhouses were destroyed in a Chinese raid at Minokow, northwest of Chihhsien in north Honan, the night of December 19.

Contact of Japanese units on the Tsipshui-Yangcheng highway in south Shansi has been completely severed as a result of the Chinese destruction of the road, bridges, and telephone and telegraph wires. Three bridges and a section of the highway east of Yangcheng were also destroyed.

### Interception Near Swatow

KWEILIN, Dec. 26 (Central News).—Japanese troops in seven lorries and eight tanks protecting a gang of workers building a new highway in Tendai, 12 miles north-east of Swatow, were intercepted and attacked by the Chinese on December 24.

Japan is badly in need of phosphate for use as a fertiliser.

The light railroad is probably unable to carry the amount of phosphate expected to be mined but boat transportation on the Red River is possible. Since the cutting of the railroad by the Chinese the income has been insufficient for its upkeep.

The French are very willing to negotiate its transfer.

The exploitation of the mines is expected to start immediately.

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He said that since the preliminary work in the adjustment of relations between Japan and China had already been done with the successful conclusion of a basic treaty between the two countries on November 30, his mission entailed bringing about closer co-operation between the Japanese and Chinese peoples in line with the policy outlined in the Pact.

The 66-year-old Ambassador emphasised that he would discharge his duties in the letter and spirit of the Nanking-Tokyo Treaty, though he was not personally acquainted with the leaders of the National Government at Nanking. "I shall do my utmost to discharge my duties to the mutual benefit of both Japan and China," he said. "After settling down in Nanking I may tour North China and may return to Tokyo for a visit and to report on conditions and my impressions in China."

Report and Announcements.

6.01 Local Time Signal.

6.15 London Relay—Under the Crooked Cross.

A Feature Programme.

9.0 London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.30 London Relay—Talk: 'Books and People.'

9.45 A Russian Programme.

10.00 Moscow—Sonatina for Piano.

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3rd Mov: Anime, Alfred Cortot (Piano).

10.20 Cesar Franck—Symphony in D Minor.

1st Mov: Lento—Allegro non troppo, 2nd Mov: Allegretto, 3rd Mov: Allegro non troppo, Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra cond. by Leopold Stokowski.

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## NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

## Roosevelt Urged To Ensure Axis' Defeat

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—More than 150 American citizens have urged President Roosevelt to "make it a settled policy of the United States to do everything that may be necessary to ensure the defeat of the Axis Powers," it was announced by the White House to-day.

In a letter to the President, the group, which included editors, lawyers, educationists, actors and religious and labour leaders, appeals for everything possible to be done to promote "resistance to the plausible but fatal arguments of appeasement," evidently to let President Roosevelt know what they consider a large section of the United States people would like to hear in his broadcast on Sunday.

The letter continues: "We ask you to tell us what we believe to be the truth—that materials of war and their son, the famous columnist,

## Lifeboat Mystery

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (UP).—Captain Joel Gomes, Captain of the Portuguese freighter Goncalo Velho, which docked here to-night, said he had sighted an empty lifeboat 200 miles east of the Azores marked "Hamburg."

The Hamburg-American Line owns a 22,000 ton liner by that name but there is no record that the ship has been sunk.

## Christmas Gift For China War Orphans

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (UP).—The Golden Rule Foundation announced to-day that it has cabled \$1,000 to Madame Chiang Kai-shek as an "extra Christmas gift" for China war orphans. They said they planned to send larger sum on New Year's Day.

The signatories include Hamilton Fish, Republican Representative for New York, Henry Breckenridge, the well-known New York lawyer, Dwight Morrow and Dorothy Thompson.

## Three Notable Talks Over Air at Christmas

(By "Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent)

LONDON, Dec. 26.—There were three notable speeches over the Christmas recess, all of extraordinary interest and exceptional importance. The speakers were Mr Winston Churchill, the Pope and King George VI.

Mr Churchill's broadcast was addressed to the Italian people "with whom we are at war." It was a speech that could only be delivered by a man sure of his cause, sure of his strength. It was a frank statement of Britain's traditional mutual sympathy and interests have been envenomed and completely reversed by the attitude of a single man—Il Duce.

The feeble answer put out by the Italian radio evades the issues so plainly stated by Mr. Churchill, and simply reaffirms Fascist arguments based on Nazi concepts—young people, Lebensraum, right is might, etc.

## Riffs In Unity

There is, however, rather a tendency to protest, too strongly for conviction, of the unity prevailing between the Army, the Fascist Party and the Royal Family. The supercession of so many high officers recently is proof of rifts in this unity.

The Pope's address was also remarkable, seeing that it was delivered from Rome at this season. His Holiness' summary of the five points which all true Christians should practise is the most telling indictment of the whole Tolitarian policy that could conceivably be made, especially in the exceptional circumstances of the Pope's position.

He brands the offence but does not mention the offender. Nobody who hears or reads his homily can fail to realise that victory of truth, righteousness, honour, peace and mutual goodwill could be reached in only one way. Coming at this moment, especially so hard upon the heel of Churchill's words, the address must have greatly intensified the strong influence his admonitions would have had in any case.

## King's Speech

King George's speech was of a different character as compared to the other two addresses. It was non-political and almost non-political. His Majesty spoke as man to man, he spoke of the family, then of home life and Christmas spirit, of national unity, of national confidence and the hope of better things.

No greater contrast to the usual blustering boasts and noisy fulminations of the Axis leaders could possibly be imagined.

## Press &amp; Radio Campaigns

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—In broadcasts directed to Britain the German radio has been plugging away on the lines of: "Why should Britain go on with the war?"

Several broadcasts have asserted that the British government has had several peace opportunities. It is not supposed in London that the Germans really expect much to result from this peace propaganda, especially when one takes into consideration the continual statements in German home broadcasts that the war will be a long one and that Britain is not easily overcome. This radio and press campaign has given the lie to Marshal Brauchitsch's statement that the English channel protects Britain only so long as it suits Germany. Thus the "Berliner Borsen Zeitung" says that in achieving and undertaking a task of such magnitude it few months more or less is of no importance.

Some commentators think that Hitler is probably still hoping to get out of his present predicament by a peace offensive, the essence of which would be to eliminate British opposition while leaving him still in possession of the countries he has over-run in Europe.

## Training Thailanders

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
YOKOHAMA, Dec. 26 (Dome).—Four students of the Bangkok Naval Academy arrived here this morning aboard the Toba Maru for a six-month study at the Nippon Electric Manufacturing Company's plant. The group is accompanied by a Commander and a Lieutenant who will however return to Bangkok immediately.

## Soviets Capture Spy

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
MOSCOW, Dec. 26 (UP).—The newspaper "Pravda" reports that a coast guardman captured an alleged spy who had entered Soviet Russia from one of the Baltic States, and belongs to the intelligence service of a foreign Power. The paper stated that the spy entered Russia in a small sloop which was wrecked.

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## Nazi Eyes Turning Towards Turkey

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ing mechanized equipment, artillery and accessories so it is probably material for a score or more divisions which are already on the ground.

### Hes Much To Gain

Action against Greece would be very difficult at this season of the year; therefore, the springtime theory is favoured among observers here. It is pointed out that Germany has just as much to gain by reaching Salonika as she would in helping her faltering partner. From there, the Iraqi oil fields are only a few hours bombing-time away. Mosul and Balak would also be threatened.

There is some speculation that German action against Syria is made necessary by Italian weakness. Action there would necessitate bases on the Aegean Sea and the start would have to be made early because the torrid summer begins early and operations after May would be very difficult.

## DEATH OF MR NEIL LANG

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a very retentive memory, and was unsurpassed as a raconteur. He was an enthusiastic follower of the turf and an ardent football fan.

He was a member of St. Andrew's Society and the Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders.

His death is a great loss to his employers and to the shipping fraternity.

A single man, the late Mr Lang leaves a brother, who is a chief engineer with the Union Steamship Co., Ltd. of New Zealand, and three sisters, who are in Scotland.

## Indian Stowaway In Court

Slim A Pan, 34, of Madras, India was sentenced to two weeks' hard labour for stowing away from Shanghai to Hongkong aboard a British steamer and ordered to be expelled from Hongkong for entering the Colony without a valid passport by Mr E. Hinsworth at Kowloon Magistrate yesterday.

Det.-Sergeant Hill said that defendant was found on board the ship after it had left Shanghai. It appeared that the defendant was absolutely "broke" and had been formerly employed as an elephant trainer in a circus. Defendant was trying to return to India.

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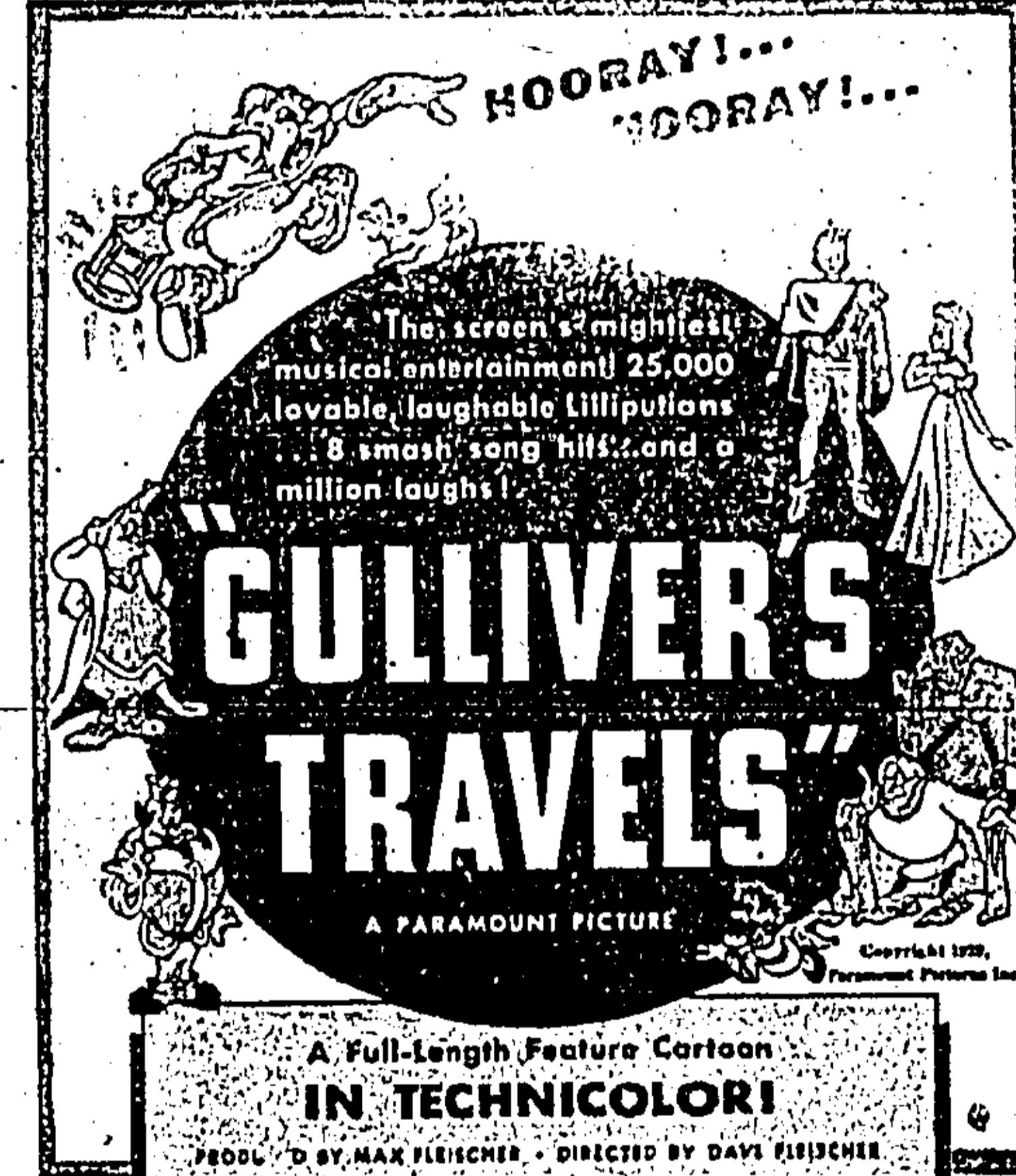
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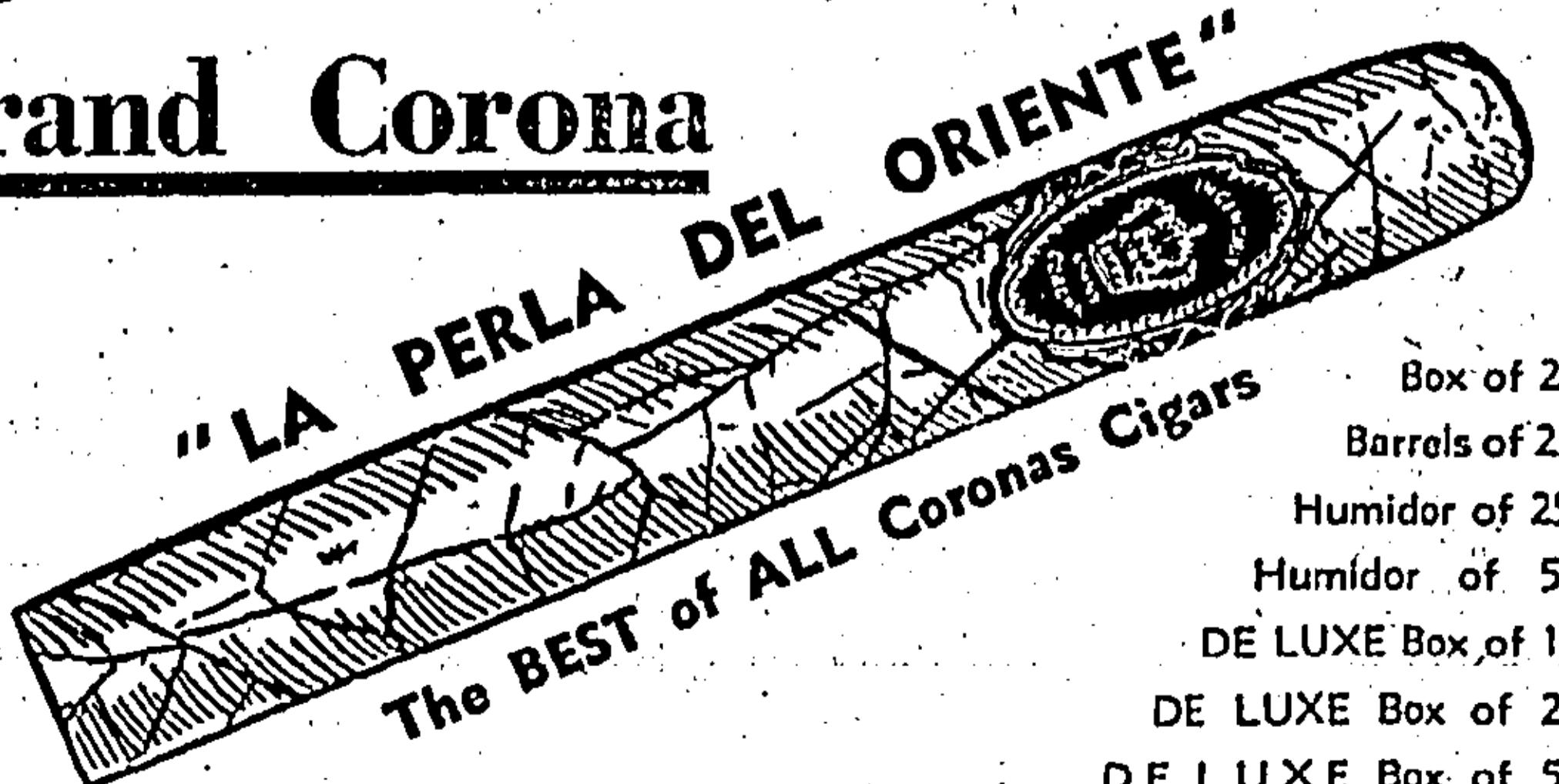
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## AIR TRUCE ENDED

Germans Raid Isle Of Sheppy

## SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 26 (UP).—At 5.40 p.m. it was announced that the Christmas truce was apparently ended.

The Air Ministry and the Ministry of Home Security in a joint communiqué said that the enemy bombed the Isle of Sheppy this afternoon with "little damage, no casualties and no deaths."

Meanwhile, troops with machine-guns on the English Channel coast exercised extreme caution against any possible German surprise invasion through the mist—all coast highway traffic was stopped. Inspected and identified, while the crews of the long-range guns commanding the Straits of Dover were in readiness for immediate action.

## No London Raids

LONDON, Dec. 27 (UP).—At 12.10 a.m. to-day there were still no raids on Britain aside from the lone bombing of the Isle of Sheppy on Thursday afternoon.

## Churches Destroyed

LONDON, Dec. 26 (UP).—The Press Bureau of the Church of England reverbated to-day that German bombings during the past year caused the destruction or damage of over 1,000 churches, schools, halls, and vicarages throughout the country.

Some of England's most famous and oldest Cathedrals are included in the report, listing the total destruction of St. Michael's Cathedral at Coventry. It also listed the damage to Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's, Canterbury and Liverpool Cathedrals; St. Martin in the Fields; St. James in Piccadilly and St. Mary's at the Bow.

## De Gaulle Tells Vichy

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—The announcement that the Vichy Government has decided to release French officers captured at Dakar has drawn from General de Gaulle a rejoinder.

He welcomes the fact that French public opinion has compelled the release of these officers and non-commissioned officers whom, until recently, Vichy had intended to bring before a Court Martial.

General de Gaulle adds that it is, however, clearly understood that the step taken by Vichy will in no way modify the safety measures taken regarding certain generals and senior officers arrested by the Free French forces in the course of recent Police operations in Gabon.

## H. M. Acheron Lost

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Dec. 26 (UP).—An Admiralty announcement says that the British destroyer Acheron of 1,350 tons has been sunk. This is the 34th destroyer lost. The normal crew of the Acheron was 138.

## Japanese Freighter's Adventurous Voyage

## Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, Dec. 26 (Domei).—Ten months after it left Yokohama for Marseilles, the 7,149-ton war-scarred N.Y.K. freighter Nagara Maru returned here after experiencing two air raids while in French and Italian harbours, and undergoing delays of 65 days in Genoa and 78 days in Colombo.

The Nagara Maru left Marseilles on June 2 when the Luftwaffe raided that port, she proceeded to Algiers, then to Naples and Genoa. The vessel retraced her course to Naples when Genoa was attacked by British aircraft. Arriving at Colombo at 11.49 p.m., the ship was detained by British authorities for 78 days.

The freighter called from Colombo on December 2, permitting the crew consisting of 59 members, headed by Captain Masao Takada, to obtain the first glimpse of their fatherland since March 27.

Recounting his experiences at Marseilles, Captain Takada said that the Luftwaffe carried out five raids

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## CHINESE HARASSING TACTICS

## Troop Train Hits Mine

SHANGHAI, Dec. 27 (Central News).—A Japanese troop train struck a Chinese mine near Taikoo station on the Klaotsi Railway about 21 miles west of Weihaiwei on December 23. A number of Japanese were killed and wounded, and the locomotive and four coaches were wrecked. A quantity of alcohol and oil aboard was gutted by fire.

Another Japanese train was blown by a Chinese mine on the Changtien-Pushan loop line on the same day, resulting in scores of Japanese casualties.

North Kiangsu

CHUNGKING, Dec. 26 (Central News).—A Japanese contingent pushing eastward from Hsiaocheng in north Anhwei last week, setting the Japanese supply depots and shops selling Japanese goods on fire.

Over 100 Japanese were killed and two blockhouses were destroyed in a Chinese raid of Miukow, northwest of Chihshien in north Honan on the night of December 19.

Contact of Japanese units on the Tsinshui-Yangcheng highway in south Shansi has been completely severed as a result of the Chinese destruction of the road, bridges, and telephone and telegraph wires. Three bridges and a section of the highway east of Yangcheng were also destroyed.

## Interception Near Swatow

WEILIN, Dec. 26 (Central News).—Japanese troops in seven lorries and eight tanks protecting a gang of workers building a new highway in Tenghai, 12 miles north-east of Swatow, were intercepted and attacked by the Chinese on December 24.

## Soviets Capture Spy

## SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, Dec. 26 (UP).—The newspaper "Pravda" reports that a coast guardman captured an alleged spy who had entered Soviet Russia from one of the Baltic States, and belongs to the intelligence service of a foreign power. The paper stated that the spy entered Russia in a small sloop which was wrecked.

## Belgians Called To Arms

## SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—A "call to arms" to all Belgians between the ages of 10 and 25 has been issued by the Belgian Consul-General, M. Charles Hallerat.

His appeal also includes reserve officers, while volunteers between the ages of 10 and 30 will be accepted.

The announcement says: "Armed Belgian units are now being formed in England to fight side by side with the British and Allied armies.

Belgians in countries not occupied by the German Army are affected by this decree and should consult their nearest Consul regarding their present military status."

against the harbour on June 1 and 2. The Nagara Maru's bridge and wood-work were damaged by the splinters of a bomb which fell about 60 or 70 metres away, upon which the freighter left there without the aid of a pilot or a towing tug.

Captain Takada expressed his admiration for the "bold and accurate" bombing of the Germans whose aircraft were "almost inaudible."

## Hitler May Soon Attempt Invasion Of The Ukraine

Special to the "Telegraph"

SOFIA, Dec. 26 (UP).—Neutral sources are re-emphasising the possibility of Hitler attempting an invasion of the Ukraine.

It is declared that a blitzkrieg campaign may be staged during January, when there is very little snow falling and everything is frozen hard, enabling the easy use of motorised equipment.

It is pointed out that if such a campaign is successful, Hitler will have his own granary which would be ready for planting by the spring.

It was added that such a campaign was well within the bounds of possibility "in this war of surprises" in which logic plays no part.

## Turkish Opinion

Istanbul, Dec. 26 (UP).—A very well informed source who has just returned to Istanbul from Romania is of the opinion that the arrival of any large new bodies of German troops would be highly significant, since the Romanian authorities are not expecting any increase in the present figure, which, he said, was 42,000 men.

He suggested that any troop movements through Hungary might be partially due to a shift towards south Poland.

He estimated that there are 70 German divisions on the Russo-Polish frontier, the movement of which is difficult because of the comparatively antiquated Polish railway system.

## Berlin Dismisses Reports

BERLIN, Dec. 26 (UP).—Authorized Nazi circles said the foreign reports of Russo-German difficulties in the Rumanian area were "routine attempts of foreign propagandists to disturb the relations of the two countries."

They also dismissed the "unwarranted" reports of German troop movements on the Russo-German frontier, and that Russia had strengthened her garrisons in both Bessarabia and Poland.

They put aside the report that the Russian delegate had resigned from the Danube river control conference which has now been adjourned until the middle of January.

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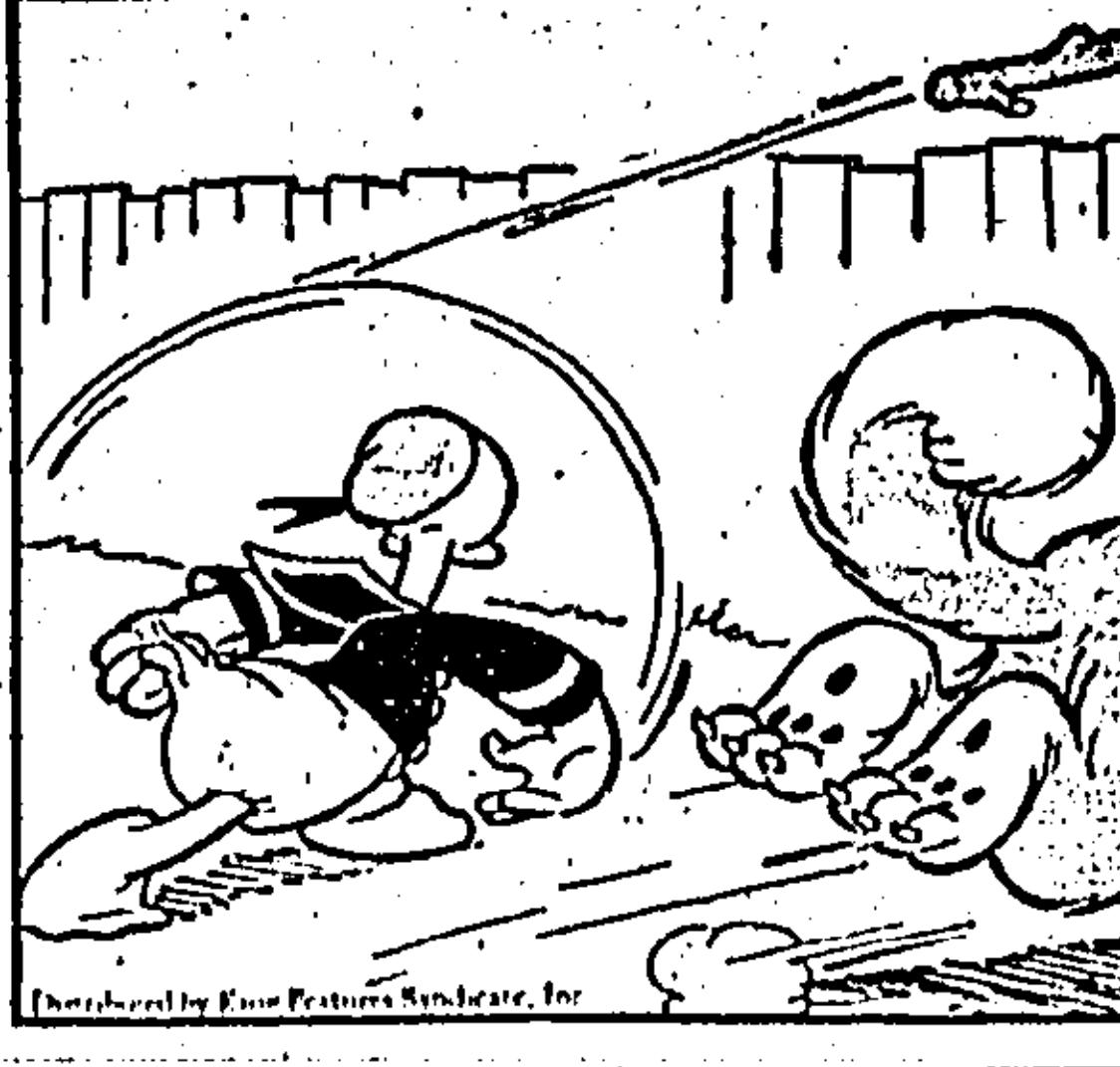
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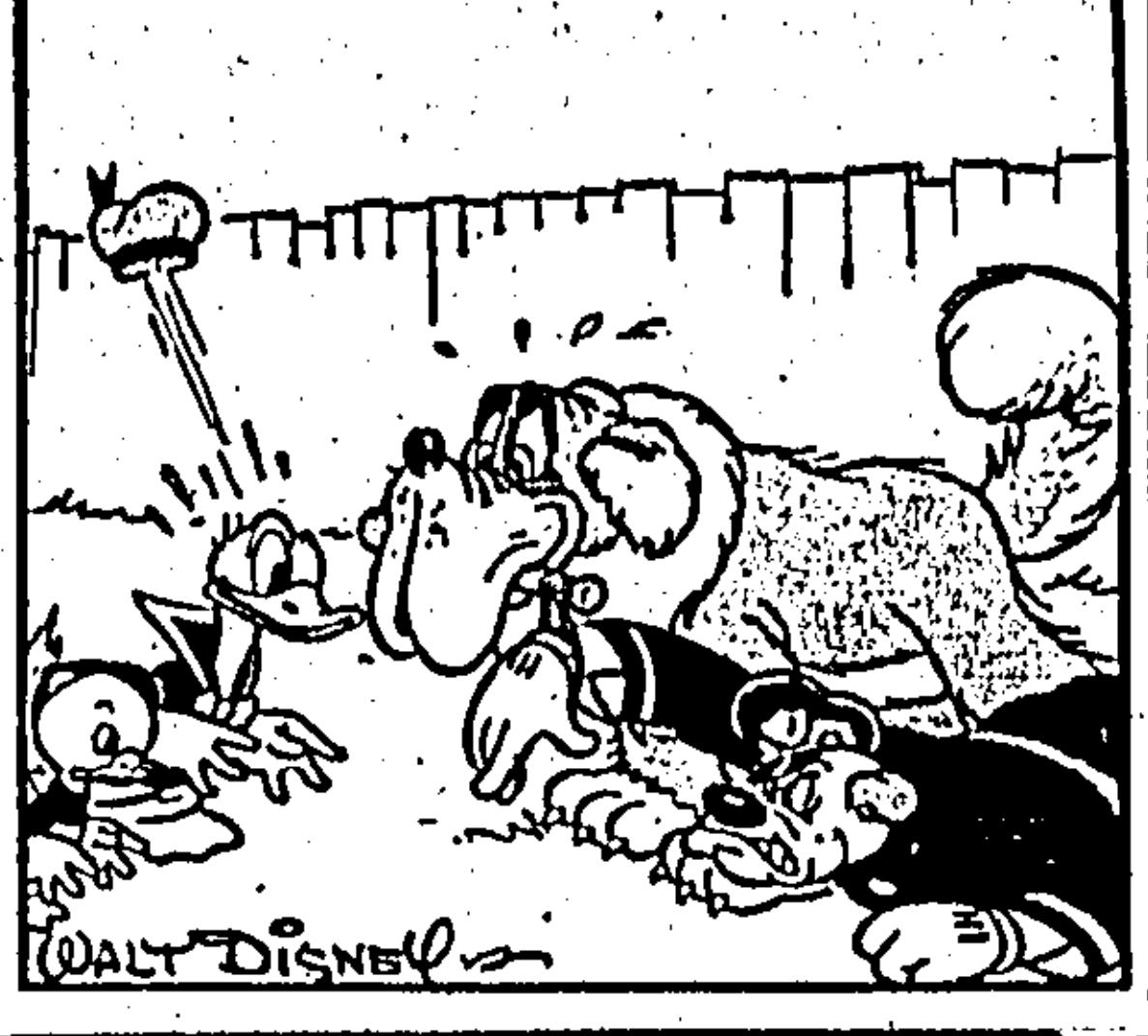
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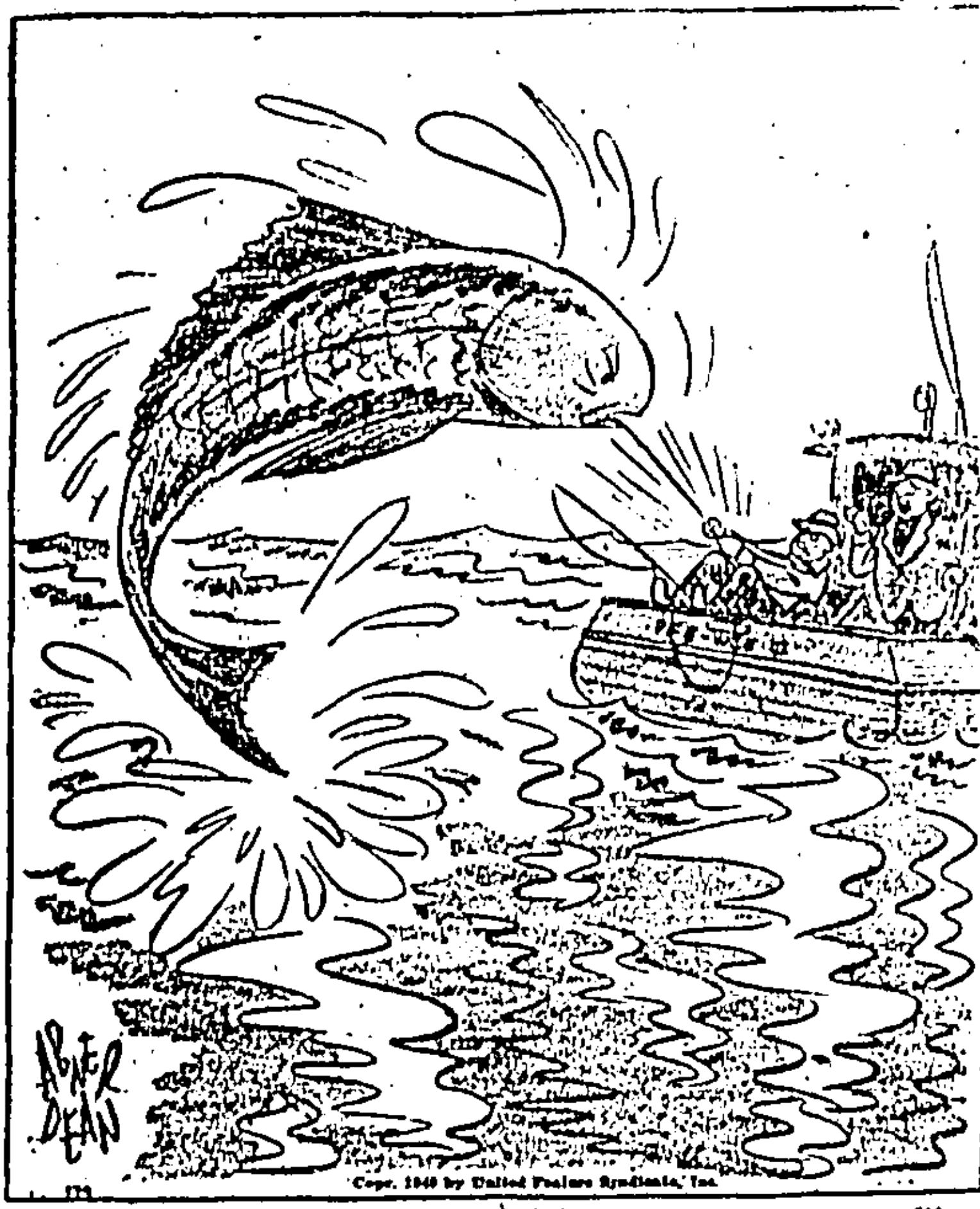
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## FUNNY SIDE UP

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## SO I BALED OUT...

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OUR squadron of fighters was flying east when three enemy aircraft were seen flying west, in the clouds overhead. I told our leader that I would climb with my flight above the clouds and investigate.

As I did this, twelve Messerschmitt 109 fighters emerged. Still climbing, I made for the sun, turned, and gave the order for my flight to break up and attack.

In a moment, our battle began—our six Hurricanes against the enemy's twelve.

The eighteen aircraft chased round and round, in and out of the cloud. I chose my first opponent. He seemed to be dreaming and I quickly got on to his tail and gave him a short burst which damaged him.

I flew in closer and gave him a second dose. It was enough. He dived, out of control. I followed him down to 6,000 feet. There I circled for a minute or two and watched him dive vertically into the calm sea.

I opened my hood for a breath of fresh air and looked about the sky. There was no sign of either the enemy or my own flight. I was alone.

I CLIMBED back into the cloud, which was thin and misty. Three Messerschmitts, flying in line astern, crossed in front of me—so close that I could see the black crosses on their wings and fuselage.

I opened fire on number three in the formation. We went round and round in decreasing circles as I fired.

I was lucky again. Pieces of his wings flew off. Black smoke came from his plane.

He dived, and I fired one more burst at him, directly from astern.

We were doing a phenomenal speed—then my ammunition gave out, just as the other two Messerschmitts attacked me.

Well, the journey ended in a cucumber frame—after I had pushed

I twisted and turned, but they were too accurate. I could hear the thud of their bullets.

Pieces of my aircraft seemed to be flying off in all directions: my engine was damaged.

Then came a cold stinging in my left foot. One of the Jerry bullets had found its mark.

I was about to dive to the sea and make my escape, low down, when the control column became useless in my hand. Black smoke poured into the cockpit and I could not see.

I knew that the time had come for me to depart.

Everything after this was perfectly calm. I was at about 10,000 feet, but some miles out to sea. I lit my seat, undid my strap and opened the hood.

The hood became my ally. A hand—actually the slip-stream catching under my helmet—seemed to lift me out of the cockpit.

It was a pleasant sensation. I was in mid-air—floating down so peacefully in the cool breeze that I had to remind myself to pull my ripcord and open my parachute.

When the first jerk was over I swung like a pendulum. This was not so pleasant, but I soon settled down, and I was able to enjoy a full view of the world below—the beach, some miles away, with soldiers—the long lines of villages.

THERE was no sensation of speed

but the ripples on the water became bigger, the soldiers on the beach nearer.

I had one minute of anxiety. As I floated down one of the Messerschmitts appeared. The pilot circled round me, and I was just a little alarmed. Would he shoot?

Well—he didn't. He behaved quite well. He opened his hood, waved to me and then dived towards the sea and made off towards France.

The wind was still friendly. It was carrying me in towards the beach. I took out my cigarettes and lit one with my lighter without any difficulty.

Ages seemed to pass. I threw away the cigarette as I came nearer and nearer to the coast. I could hear the raiders passed sirens and, passing the houses on the seafront, I could see the people looking up at me.

I had descended to about 1,000 feet. I began to sway a little and could hear my parachute flapping.

For the first time since the enemy pilot circled around me I became anxious.

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## The Great Famine Has Begun

by  
W. N. EWER

EUROPE'S Great Famine, forecast for this winter, has already begun. The Nazi Press is boasting of it openly.

"The standard of living of the Dutch people," says the *Deutsche Volkszeitung*, "must be lowered if the conquered country is to supply Germany with food.""The food supplies in the Danish storehouses have been exported to Germany," says the *Volkischer Beobachter*."All Dutch supplies will be placed at the service of the German people," says the *Frankfurter Zeitung*.

"In occupied France," says the Nazi-controlled radio Luxembourg, "the harvest is being supervised by German organizations."

"All agricultural produce and all 'odatauffa' are being requisitioned," says the German official news agency.

The Nazi boast that food in Germany is now plentiful. Rations are being increased in the Reich—and correspondingly reduced in the conquered countries.

Stealthily and systematically the work of plunder is going on.

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## HUN'S HAND

The purpose of those sweeping invasions was double. Partly it was strategic. Partly it was sheer plunder.

It is a grim fact that Hitler himself boasted in the Reichstag control of 70,000,000 people who can be active in the economic scheme."

The plan is being carried out ruthlessly. The conquered countries are being told that they must reorganize their whole economic life for the benefit of the conquerors.

France is warned that she is "over-industrialized"; that she must shut down her industries, set her workers to grow more food—for German consumption.

Holland is told that she must change her whole system of cattle farming.

"The meat from the slaughter of cattle which becomes necessary," adds the Nazi Commissar-General, "will be taken over by the Reich."

Food for Germany. Privation, or even starvation, for the Dutch.

They must slaughter their cattle—and Germans will eat the meat.

As it is with Holland, so it is with Denmark.

With cruel insolence, the German propaganda pretends to the world that Denmark is being benefited.

Her export trade is increasing. It is not splendid, for her?

It might be if these big compulsory exports to the Reich were paid over for. But, for the most part, they are not paid for—except in paper.

This is not export trade. It is just plunder.

How is it done?

Something, of course, the Reich sends in exchange to Denmark. It must send coal and oil, or the whole machinery would break down, and there would be no plunder.

It sends, in goods, the minimum necessary to keep the wheels turning for German profit.

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BRITAIN AND THE U.S.

The increasing warmth of Anglo-American relations is one of the most satisfactory features attendant upon the war in Europe. In its political phase this friendship means of course, that our eventual victory is certain; whereas before the odds were quite heavily against us.

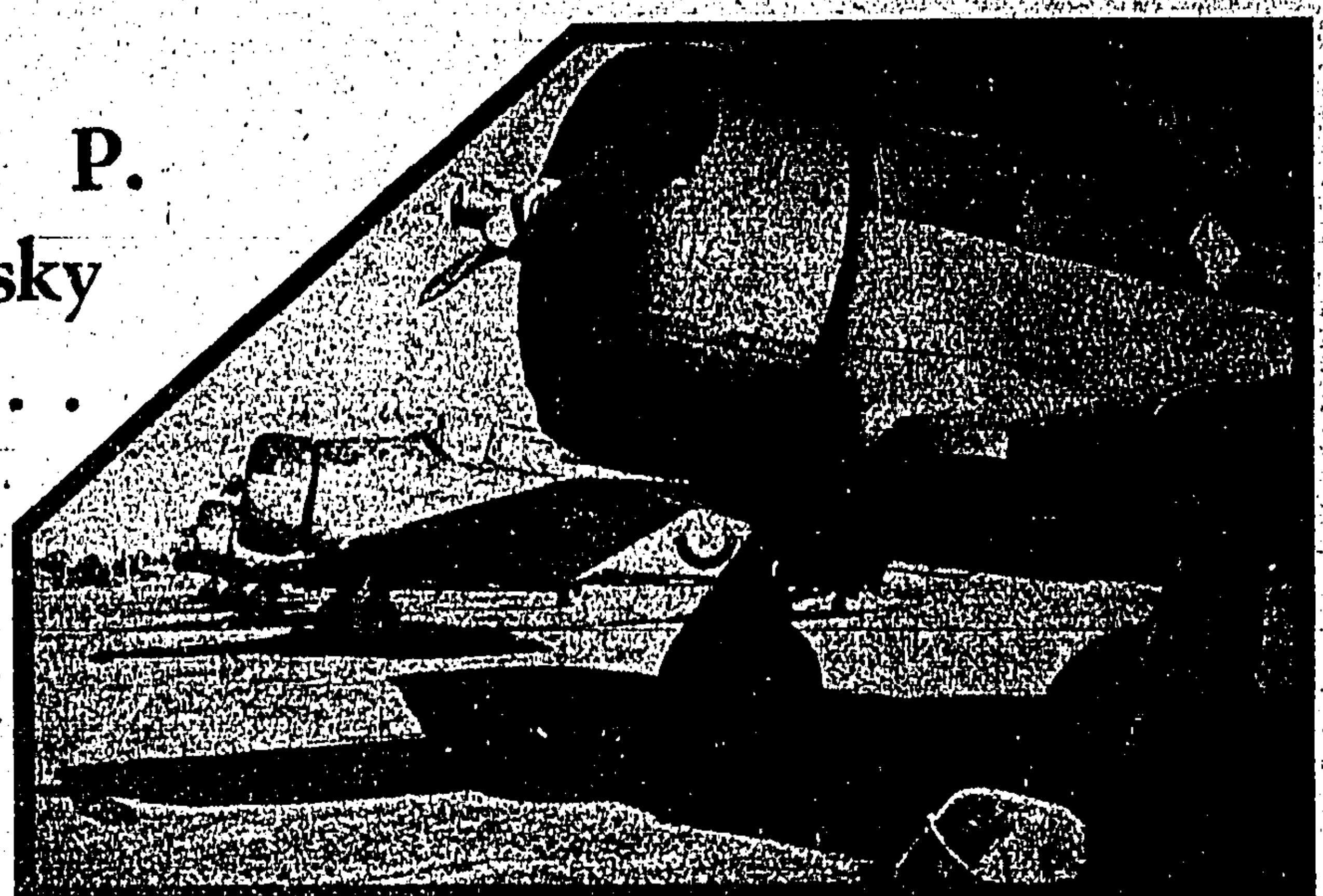
A talk with well informed Americans recently elicited the fact, which characteristically never fails to surprise the Englishman, that he personally was in very bad odour with his American cousin. In fact the weight of prejudice against him was so heavy that it will not all be dissipated for some years. One American lecturer remarked that it is still necessary for him to point out that the Englishman is a complete ass before he gains the sympathy of his audience sufficiently to lead on to the use America can make of these "stooges" for their own purposes in fighting Hitler! By such devious means the inherent distrust of Americans for the English must be overcome even to-day when most of the two peoples realise that our common happiness can only be gained by a common anti-authoritarian front.

The history books on both sides of the Atlantic have been the most potent sources of Anglo-American friction because they blatantly misled schoolchildren as to the course of history and played up their national triumphs to the derogation of other countries. To that vast bulk of people who never learnt more history than was crammed into them at school, such text books undoubtedly raised a fog of confusion and lies which remained all their lives.

In America there are more European minorities than in any other country and most of them can recall through their mother countries many reasons for disliking Britain. It was Britain who thwarted Dutch dreams of Empire, smashed Kaiser Wilhelm's aspirations, put sanctions on Italy, engineered the

**Major**  
**Alexander P.**  
**De Seversky**  
**says . . .**

In the following article, specially written for the United Press, the noted aeroplane designer and recent recipient of the Harmon Trophy as outstanding airmen of 1939, discusses the importance of air power in connection with the fight between the British and the Axis nations for domination of the Eastern Mediterranean, now centred in the battles in Greece and in the Western Desert.



## WHO MASTERS THE AIR MASTERS THE MEDITERRANEAN

Little mention, for instance, was made of Crete in the past. Yet to-day that region, island, to the southeast of Greece, seems destined to be the pivotal point in the great struggle for Mediterranean mastery. That is where the decisive air battles of the campaign are shaping up. One look at the map discloses how Crete, heretofore an inconspicuous island, viewed to-day through the glasses of air power, becomes the logical commanding centre of the entire eastern half of the Mediterranean.

Therefore, the ability of the British, with the support of local Greek forces, to hold the island of Crete, thus emerging as the critical question in the Mediterranean enigma. Having oc- the crucial lesson that it cannot be held, the island, the rely on its fleet air arm (the problem of the British now carrier-based aviation) against the Italian air force (the Italian aviation could not manage this alone). We may take it for granted that Mussolini is merely clearing the ground for the collaboration of Italian and German air threat with its own air power, it will be merely a question of time before the fleet must retire as it did in the North Sea. The result is that German aviation can advance only as fast as it can move its supplies and establish new aerodromes. That is why there was an interval of more than a month between the occupation of Norwegian coastal points by the British and their expulsion by Nazi air attack.

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### THE LESSON OF NORWAY

We must assume, however, that the British high command has profited from the experience of the British, with the support of the Norwegian reverses. It therefore became essential, at almost any price, to bring Axis air force into play against British sea power. More important, it has learned the crucial lesson that it cannot merely clear the ground for the collaboration of Italian and German air threat with its own air power, it will be merely a question of time before the fleet must retire as it did in the North Sea. The result is that German aviation can advance only as fast as it can move its supplies and establish new aerodromes. That is why there was an interval of more than a month between the occupation of Norwegian coastal points by the British and their expulsion by Nazi air attack.

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### COMPLEMENTARY ACTIONS

In both cases costly land operations would have been unnecessary if the Axis had possessed genuine air power, with the range and striking force (bomb loads) entirely possible at the present stage of aeronautical science. We must see to it that the implications of this are fully understood and taken into consideration by those responsible for the planning of our own American air defence. They must realize that there is a big difference between genuine self-dependent air power and an air force conceived primarily as an adjunct of some other arm. This difference is growing even bigger with the rapid progress of aeronautics.

Overwhelming British naval superiority in the Mediterranean will be as irrelevant as it proved to be in the Norwegian campaign. The air factor will tell the story.

Much will depend, obviously, on the measure in which Churchill can divert air force from the battle of Britain to reinforce the Mediterranean positions. In that sense the battle of Britain complements the Greek campaign. That is the chief reason, in fact, why Hitler must keep up his attack on the British Isles.

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### Barring None



"We could skate over—if it would get cold enough  
to freeze the Channel."  
(On the "Chicago Daily Times.")

## NEW C-IN-C. ON FAR EAST DEFENCE MORE TROOPS AND MORE MUNITIONS

"Mr Churchill told me that we would hold Singapore no matter what happened. We must never be satisfied with our defence preparations. Our efforts to improve them still further, and to make them yet more complete, must never cease."

These were among the statements made by Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, Commander-in-Chief, Far East Command, in an interview with the "Singapore Free Press."

"I feel sure that Britain will continue to grow in strength in the Far East," said Sir Robert. "We may expect reinforcements in men and material—a stronger army and a bigger air force. As you know a lot has already been done in this direction recently, but the trend will continue."

### JAPAN'S DESPAIR Confession Of An Officer

TOKYO, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Little hope for an early collapse of the Chungking Government "unless some radical change occurs in the world situation in future" is seen by Colonel Hayao Mabuchi, Chief of the Army Press section, in an article in the "Nichi Nichi," in which he warns the Japanese against complacency and over-optimism.

He says: "Many people in this country seem to have the idea that conclusion of the tripartite alliance has turned the international trend in favour of Japan, but in my opinion this is now steadily drifting towards the other direction—favourable to the Chungking regime. For Britain and America have finally determined to help out the Chungking Government following the conclusion of the tripartite pact, and accordingly there is little hope for a total collapse of that regime unless some radical change occurs in the world situation in future."

#### Military Defeat In sufficient

"The present China affair is complicated—so complicated that it cannot be comprehended thoroughly by mere common sense. Japan is fighting the troops of General Chiang Kai-shek on the soil of China but defeat of these troops will not bring about a solution of the current Sino-Japanese hostilities."

"Most of the Chinese now collected under the banner hoisted by Chiang represent the cream of the Chinese people with a flaming love for their country. Standing behind them are Britain, America and other countries which intend to maintain the old order in East Asia by helping out the Chungking regime in the struggle against Japan. Japan should recognise fully the strenuous efforts which the anti-Japan camp in Chungking has been making. The Japanese Army has brought a feeling that Japan has already won a victory over China."

#### A Glass Darkened

"The Chinese to-day are divided into two great camps. One seeks to reconstruct through peace and the other through fighting to the last. Both intend to make China an independent country."

"In this respect the Japanese should not see China and the Chinese through a glass darkened by prejudices and dogmatic views. It is all very well for Japan to advocate the establishment of a new order in East Asia or the construction of greater East Asia and the prosperity of the sphere, but it would be of no good unless Japan becomes powerful enough to execute these projects by itself if need be."

#### Pieces of Paper

"If Japan has no real strength, any treaties and agreements Japan may conclude with other countries would be nothing more than pieces of waste paper as has been proved by Germany."

"It is no time for the people of this country to indulge themselves in mean struggles in pursuit of their own interests. It is high time for them to push forward vigorously not only for the settlement of the present China affair but for the establishment of a super-defence of the state by speeding up the rearmament of the country and expanding productive power with all their might."

"It is surely a very inspiring thought that at the present moment, when Great Britain is fighting for her very existence, the Home country can still afford to strengthen the defences of the outlying parts of the Empire."

#### Watching Far East

Before leaving England to assume his command, Sir Robert had lunch with the Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill, General Sir John Dill, the Chief of the Imperial General Staff and Air Chief Marshal Sir Cyril Newall were also present.

"Mr Churchill seemed to have everything about the Far East at his finger tips," the C-in-C said. "Although he is naturally preoccupied with events in Europe and in particular the Battle for Britain, he obviously devotes every minute he can spare to watching the Far East."

"Mr Churchill knew all about Singapore. He told me that we would hold Singapore no matter what happened."

#### No Effort Spared

"He said that I could rest assured that there would be a continuous and steady flow of men and munitions to the countries within the area of my command and that no effort would be spared to make Singapore, the Malay peninsula and all the other British countries of East Asia as strong and as well defended as was humanly possible."

"Yes, Mr Churchill certainly has his eyes on Singapore and the Far East. You can be perfectly sure of that."

Sir Robert then went on to outline the responsibilities of his new post and the scope of the work which has been allocated to him. Unlikely command for the army and air force in Burma, Malaya, and Hongkong, he said, had become necessary especially because of the growing importance of the aeroplane in warfare.

#### Defence Requirements

"The development of air strategy," he said "has altered our conception of defence requirements. Aeroplanes can move so fast, and new dispositions can be made so quickly that it is now vitally necessary to have one command for an area which in the days before air warfare might very well be the concern of two or three separate commands."

"I have control of the military and R.A.F. forces in Malaya, Burma, and Hongkong, and my staff of eight, is a composite staff of naval, army and air force officers."

"In some ways this is an entirely new departure in staff organisation. It is not so much a joint staff of representatives of the various Services as one single staff of officers some of whom happen to be naval men, some army men and some air force men."

"All the officers have had some experience of liaison work with the other Services and are able to speak the other man's language. There are no watertight compartments between the different Services in my staff."

The new C-in-C made it clear that his appointment did not mean that the responsibility of the Malaya Command for local defence had in any way been changed, and Lt-Gen. Bend, G.O.C., Malaya, and his staff, would continue to deal with the Malayan governments in local matters.

#### Shanghai Smallpox

The Colonial Secretariat states in a communiqué that quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Shanghai on account of smallpox.

## Free China Observes Yunnan Uprising

CHUNGKING, Dec. 26 (Central News).—Chinese yesterday marked the 25th anniversary of the Yunnan Uprising, which was led by Generals Tsai Ao and Tang Chi-yao in 1915 to overthrow Yuan Shih-ka's monarchy.

More than 600 government officials and military leaders held a meeting at the National Government Headquarters in Chungking under the chairmanship of President Lin Sen.

General Pai Chung-ha, Vice-Chief of General Staff, delivered the principal speech in which he exhorted the Chinese to stronger solidarity and to continue the present war of resistance and national construction under the leadership of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. He warned against any activity that may jeopardise the



Sir Robert Brooke-Popham  
Far East Command  
C.-in-C. Here

Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, the newly appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Combined British Forces in the Far East, arrived in Hongkong by steamer from Singapore to-day.

Sir Robert Brooke-Popham will confer with the heads of the services in the Colony and carry out an inspection of defences.

### EGYPT'S VIGILANT DEFENCES

CAIRO, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—The Chamber of Deputies, after three days of secret debate, passed by 122 to 68, a vote of confidence in the Government's foreign policy.

The Prime Minister, Sirry Pasha, winding up the debate, declared that danger to Egypt was remote after the British victory but that Egypt was continuing its defence preparations.

Sirry Pasha said that the Government's policy was based on fulfilment of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty and of the country. Egypt was loyally carrying out the Treaty.

The debate revealed general agreement with the speech from the Throne at the opening session of Parliament when Sabry Pasha (then Prime Minister) collapsed and died.

### Phosphate For Japan

#### Indo-China Exploitation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
HANOI, Dec. 20 (UP).—It is reportedly learned that the Japanese will soon fully exploit the Linotai phosphate mines. A high Japanese official who recently returned from an inspection of the mines declared that the Japanese will extract 500,000 tons annually.

Japan is badly in need of phosphate for use as a fertiliser.

The light railroad is probably unable to carry the amount of phosphate expected to be mined but boat transportation on the Red River is possible. Since the cutting of the railroad by the Chinese the income has been insufficient for its upkeep.

The French are very willing to negotiate its transfer.

The exploitation of the mines is expected to start immediately.

## Dover Patrol's Anti- Invasion Vigil Kept

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—Perfect "invasion" weather occurred in the Straits of Dover during Christmas and heavily armed guards were doubled against the possibility of a lightning German thrust through the blanket of mist covering the calm sea.

Picked troops combed the beaches while the crews of long-range guns were ready for instant action and the ships of the Dover Patrol slid through the mist keeping their day and night watch.

Meanwhile behind its ramparts Dover enjoyed a peaceful holiday. Shops were as crowded as in peacetime. Music halls and several cinemas were opened and a public dance continued until midnight.

Britain stood on guard against invasion throughout the Christmastide.

#### Vigilance Redoubled

While the unofficial air war "truce" was on, vigilance on the Channel coast was redoubled. Arms workers sacrificed their holiday to ensure a continued steady stream of munitions, and to-day also war factories were running at full speed and millions of factory workers and others in offices and public services were working for the first time on Boxing Day since the passing of the Bank Holidays Act of 1871.

#### Poor Visibility

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—Poor visibility may have enforced the Christmas bombing "truce," Reuters' correspondent is informed.

It is emphatically denied in London that the absence of British and German raids is the outcome of any official or unofficial understanding.

The following comment was made to-day: "The weather has been bad enough over the Channel. Low cloud and fog have been the rule since Christmas Eve. Added to this, the nights have been particularly black and there is no moon. It would be idle to suggest that Christmas has not influenced those in command of operations at all, but if the weather had been good, I think we should have seen the usual activity."

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# Portugal Gallantly Resist England

Defeated 3-2 With Ten Men:  
A. V. Gosano Injured  
Early in The Match

(By "SCRAMBLER")

Losing their backbone, A. V. Gosano, after fifteen minutes play, Portugal carried on their match in the semi-final round of the "Sunday Herald" Charity Cup yesterday at Kowloon Football Club ground with ten men against England, after putting up a spirited resistance only to be beaten by a better team by the odd goal in five.

As long as "A. V." was with them, they more than held their own, and when this versatile "evergreen" player was injured in a collision with an English player, the Portuguese had to fight hard to avert a big defeat. It was to the credit of their defence that the score stood at that figure, for time after time the abortive English raids were repulsed.

The game was fast and what science was lacking was more than made up by the keenness of both sides. The Portuguese were a diminutive lot, and what they lacked in size was made up by their speed. The forwards played well at times, but there was not the same understanding as was evinced in the English side. Playing with only four forwards during the greater part of the game, T. Alves should have been more on the alert and his weak clearances were a source of relief to the English defence when they were on the attack.

C. Santos too was weak, and should have parted with the ball earlier on many occasions. The live wire was in J. Gomes who was for ever a source of worry to the Englishmen. He would forage for the ball way back in the defence and then bring up some for the other forwards to threaten the English citadel. H. Campos played as well as was to be expected, and his runs down the side line were always fraught with danger.

## Sound Defence

In defence, the Portuguese more than held their own. The coverings and clearances of D. Alves were a revelation to the eye, and he was the means of stopping many a threatening situation. He was ably supported by G. F. Remedios. B. Gosano taking over the duties of his elder brother in the centre half position played as a third back, and lent admirable support. The wing halves of Maxwell and Peres were always to the fore. They had their share in marking the attack and were always covering their backs when being attacked. V. M. Marques' "goal" delighted the spectators with many brilliant saves, playing as he did in a strange position. He had much more to do than his opposite number, who nevertheless did what was required of him. Had it not been for Robinson's daring in goal, the English team might have had to play off.

## Steady Trio

The English team was sound without being brilliant. It was the half back trio that was the mainstay of their display, for although being worried they were never flustered, and always came off with the better end. Pope, Bright and Britt were



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207 100.49  
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 646, 1223, 702, 902, 1025.

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No. 22097 \$20,000.42  
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1030 201.92  
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 603, 1510, 1007, 201, 1707.

## Home Rugger Results

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter)—Results of rugby matches played to-day were:

Cardiff	16 Welsh XV	0
Gloucester	20 Army XV	3
Home Counties	Rest of England	1
Public Schools	14 Public Schools	3

## Golf

### Bogey Pool At Sheungshiu

Miss A. A. Sequira (20) won a Bogey Pool competition at the Country Club, Sheungshiu, yesterday, finishing with a score all square.

K. T. Oei, two down, was second.

### India v. Ceylon Cricket Match

CALCUTTA, Dec. 26 (Reuter)—India began a three-day match against Ceylon to-day. Batting first, India made 251, of which C. R. Naidu, the captain, made 91.

Returning to the attack, the English team secured the lead, when from a pass by Bright, Hendy went through to score with a right foot drive that had Marques diving. Playing still with ten men, Portugal retaliated strongly, and B. Gosano's pass to T. Alves found the last named player taking a pot at goal only to see Robinson making one of his spectacular saves. Not long after Portugal obtained the equalizer, as from a shot taken by Gomes, Robinson was rushed and Santos had only to tap the ball into an empty net.

After the change over, Santos was put through on his own, and with only Robinson in his way, he shone wide. At the other end, Marques twice saved magnificently from Hendy and Saw and with the English players doing most of the attacking, Hendy when in possession swerved and evaded two players to place the ball into the corner of the net.

Undaunted by this reverse, the Portuguese went about their work with a will, and from one of their sporadic raids, Campos went through

to equalize with a hot grounder which Robinson touched but could not stop. The English team kept up an incessant attack, but the good work of the Portuguese defenders kept them at bay, and towards the close of the game Saw's shot was blocked by the defenders. However, Hendy completed his "hat-trick" to give the Englishmen victory when following up B. Gosano's mistake he scored from close in.

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**ENGLAND:** Robinson; Roughley, Freshwater; Pope, Bright, Britt; Fox, Le Page, Hendy, Saw, Bickford.

The following will represent the Volunteers in an all-day cricket match against the Royal Scots at Shookupoo on Sunday, starting at 11 o'clock:

L. T. Ride, K. J. Attwell, K. M. Baxter, N. D. Booker, D. Hung, D. McLellan, N. A. E. Mackay, A. E. Perry, D. O. Parsons, W. Stoiker and A. Zimmern.

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## Splendid Century By J. E. Richardson

### Batsmen Trounce Bowlers

(By "R. Abbit")

IN CONTRAST to the foul weather of Christmas Day, Boxing Day gave perfect cricket weather. The drizzle of the previous day caused the pitch to take spin. However, the Club batsmen did not find it too difficult.

Richardson and Knight opened and the latter at 17 had the misfortune to be yorked by Head when shaping nicely. Ride, however, settled down and the not very strong bowling was talked to severely.

The 100 was hoisted in an hour and Richardson completed his 50 at the same time. When Ride was at 30 he should have been caught at deep mid-wicket of Alice Pearce.

So all went merrily until at 123, when 100 runs had been added, Ride was lbw. He had scored nice 44.

### Dicky's Century

AFTER this, interest chiefly centred in whether Richardson would set his century before lunch. He hit like a kicking horse, and soon put all doubts at rest. His hundred took him only 80 minutes. After that the fun began to fly.

Perry was settling and runs came galore. A few difficult chances were put down, and it must be admitted that the bowling was not of very high quality, but both batsmen forced the game excellently.

With 220 on the board, lunch was taken with Richardson 137 and Perry 28—both not out.

### After Tiffin

ON the resumption, runs still came but at 242 Richardson was nicely caught and bowled by Alice Pearce, who took the ball right-handed level with his shoulder—42-3-144.

Owen Hughes came in and still runs came. At 270 Perry hit out at backward point (call it guilty if you will) for a nice innings of two short of his half-century, 270-4-48.

Club went on and runs still came, but mostly in singles. The Wanderers' fielding improved, but they could get no more wickets and Club declared at 308 for 4 wickets, Owen Hughes being 31 and Bosanquet 20 not out.

Coombe had played a most excellent fighting innings, hitting powerfully.

It was an excellent game with the batsmen on top. There were a lot of catches dropped, and no one was outstanding with the ball.

I thought Perry might have been used more, and I am not sure I should not have tried Richardson or Ride on Coombes early on. It might have worked, but then it might not.

I understand that there will be a sort of replay as far as possible on New Year's Day, when L. T. Ride will captain the Club side in the absence of Harry Owen-Hughes. I hope to report it.

**HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB**

J. L. Richardson, C. J. Pearce, 144  
L. T. Ride, B. Pearce, 144  
A. E. Perry, c J. Pearce b Dewar, 48  
H. Owen-Hughes, not out, 20  
D. Bosanquet, 20  
Extras (B 22; LD 1; WB 8; ND 3) 10

Four (declared) for 308: N. H. Grimble, 144  
L. T. Ride, N. D. Lloyd, C. J. Pearce, 144  
not bat.

**Bowling Analysis**

Head ..... 0 0 23 1  
Finnie ..... 4 1 10 1  
Dewar ..... 0 2 14 1  
J. Pearce ..... 10 0 11 1  
Coombe ..... 0 0 17 1  
Swyre ..... 3 0 20 0  
Head bowled four wides and Swyre one. Finnies and Dewar bowled a no-ball.

**THE WANDERERS**

THERE seemed a certain doubt about the name of the opposing side, but I was told I might call it the Wanderers.

J. L. C. Pearce and Major Grose opened the batting and Knight bowled at the Yard end. Pearce took a four through the slips. Owen-Hughes bowled at the other end. He bowled John Pearce and Grose started to settle down.

To send the 40 up Grose hit a couple of beautiful off-drives to the pavilion. It was an expensive over—four fours and two singles.

The 50 was hoisted in 22 minutes.

### Bowling Change

LLOYD, then went on vice Owen-Hughes, while McLellan relieved Pearce. He nearly had Grose c. & b. in his first over, but it was a red-hot drive and he went through his hands to his tummy greatly to the objection of the tummy owner.

At 70, Alice Pearce was dropped by second slip off Dewar—a difficult chance. Both batsmen settled down to play very good cricket.

Just after the 100 went up, Alice Pearce skied one behind second slip and Owen-Hughes just got to bat the sun was in his eyes and he had to turn right round. He took the ball as far as I could see, on the top of his thumb and failed to hold it.

He appeared to have damaged his hand and brought Ride into second slip.

Just after, Grose, who was playing very nicely, completed his 50. His hooking on off-turners was delightful, and both feet were almost outside the off-stump.

### Tea

AT 130 tea was taken and the game was held up for practically 20 minutes. In these short days, even the tea interval cannot be cut out. It should be reduced to a minimum.

As it was Pearce and Grose had just about an hour to get nearly 200 runs. But it was not to be.

Grose hooked Perry very strongly to the mid-wicket boundary and Kilbey dashed along and held an excellent catch. 142-2-72.

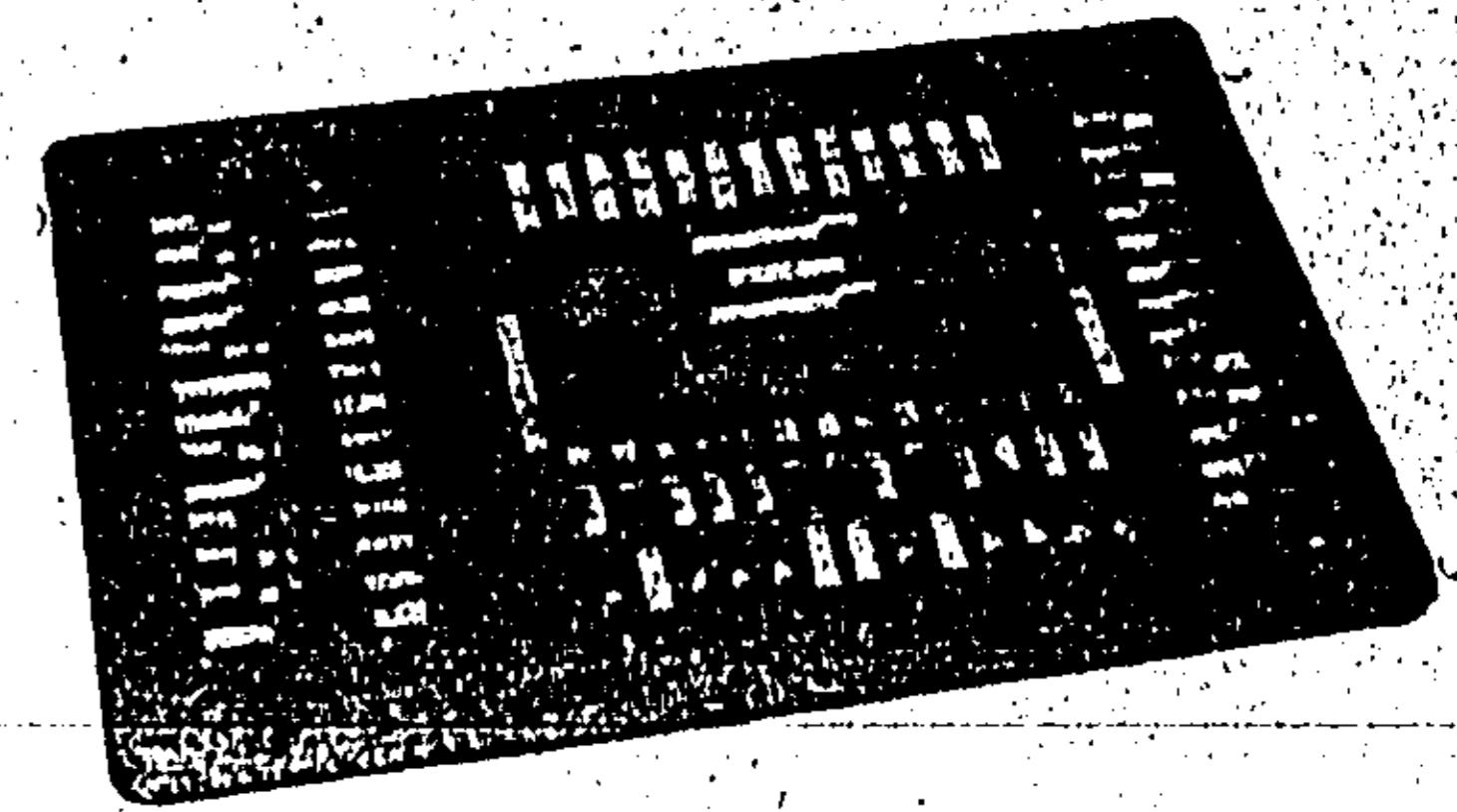
Grose had played pretty forcing innings. The only chance I saw was the drive that hit McLellan in his tummy.

Perry completed his 50 and was immediately after dropped at mid-on. The box was doing well. But it availed him little. He played

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## NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller



## Roosevelt Urged To Ensure Axis' Defeat

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—More than 150 American citizens have urged President Roosevelt to "make it a settled policy of the United States to do everything that may be necessary to ensure the defeat of the Axis Powers," it was announced by the White House to-day.

In a letter to the President, the military, naval and air strength we now have and the implements we can produce are enough to make certain the defeat of the Axis Powers so long as Britain is on her feet and fighting; but that with Britain down, they are not enough and may not in future be increased enough to hold the whole world at bay."

The signatories include: Hamilton Fish, Republican Representative for New York; Henry Breckinridge, the well-known New York lawyer; Dwight Morrow and Dorothy Thompson, the famous columnist.

The letter continues: "We ask you to tell us what we believe to be the truth—that materials of war and the

### Lifeboat Mystery

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (UP).—Captain Joel Gomes, Captain of the Portuguese freighter Goncalo Vhio, which docked here to-night, said he had sighted an empty lifeboat 200 miles east of the Azores marked "Hamburg."

The Hamburg-American Line owns a 22,000 ton liner by that name but there is no record that the ship has been sunk.

### Christmas Gift For China War Orphans

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (UP).—The Golden Rule Foundation announced to-day that it has cabled \$1,000 to Madame Chiang Kai-shek as an "extra Christmas gift" for China war orphans. They said they planned to send a larger sum on New Year's Day.

## Three Notable Talks Over Air at Christmas

(By "Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent)

LONDON, Dec. 26.—There were three notable speeches over the Christmas recess, all of extraordinary interest and exceptional importance. The speakers were Mr. Winston Churchill, the Pope and King George VI.

Mr. Churchill's broadcast was addressed to the Italian people "with whom we are at war." It was a speech that could only be delivered by a man sure of his cause, sure of his strength. It

was a frank statement of Britain's traditional mutual sympathy and interests have been envenomed and completely reversed by the attitude of a single man—Il Duce.

The feeble answer put out by the Italian radio evades the issues so plainly stated by Mr. Churchill, and simply reaffirms Fascist arguments based on Nazi concepts—young people, lebenraum, right is might, etc.

### Rights In Unity

There is, however, a tendency to protest, too strongly for conviction, of the unity prevailing between the Army, the Fascist Party and the Royal Family. The succession of so many high officers recently is proof of rifts in this unity.

The Pope's address was also remarkable, seeing that it was delivered from Rome at this season. His Holiness' summary of the five points which all true Christians should practise is the most telling indictment of the whole Totalitarian policy that could conceivably be made, especially in the exceptional circumstances of the Pope's position.

He brands the offence but does not mention the offender. Nobody who heard or read his homily can fail to realise that victory of truth, righteousness, honour, peace and mutual goodwill could be reached in only one way. Coming at this moment, especially so hard upon the heel of Churchill's words, the address must have greatly intensified the strong influence his admonitions would have had in any case.

### King's Speech

King George's speech was of a different character as compared to the other two addresses. It was non-political and almost non-political. His Majesty spoke as man to man, he spoke of the family, then of home life and Christmas spirit, of national unity, of national confidence and the hope of better things.

No greater contrast to the usual blustering boasts and noisy fulminations of the Axis leaders could possibly be imagined.

### Press & Radio Campaigns

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—In broadcasts directed to Britain the German radio has been plugging away on the lines of: "Why should Britain go on with the war?"

Several broadcasts have asserted that the British government has had several peace opportunities. It is not supposed in London that the Germans really expect much to result from this peace propaganda especially when one takes into consideration the continual statements in German home broadcasts that the war will be a long one and that Britain is not easily overcome. This radio and press campaign has given the lie to Marshal Braunschweig's statement that the English channel protects Britain only so long as it suits Germany. Thus the "Berliner Borsen Zeitung" says that in achieving and undertaking a task of such magnitude a few months more or less is of no importance.

Some commentators think that Hitler is probably still hoping to get out of his present predicament by a peace offensive, the essence of which would be to eliminate British opposition while leaving him still in possession of the countries he has over-run in Europe.

### Training Thailanders

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
YOKOHAMA, Dec. 26 (Domei).—Four students of the Bangkok Naval Academy arrived here this morning aboard the Toba Maru for a six-month study at the Nippon Electric Manufacturing Company's plant. The group is accompanied by a Commander and a Lieutenant who will how return to Bangkok immediately.

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Kussell and inflicted a number of casualties on the enemy.

### Italian Incompetence

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter)—Rome Radio and the Italian press have been trying to paint a picture of the holding out of the Bardia garrison as a heroic achievement and the Italian people are being told again and again of the good morale and fighting qualities of the soldiers overseas.

Comments outside Italy remark on the ineptitude of this propaganda because it is known both inside and outside the country that the Italian series of defeats in Albania and the Western Desert is not the fault of the Italian soldiers but of the general direction of Italy's war policy.

### Ill-Conceived Defences

Mussolini attacked Greece without taking the proper military measures to carry out the campaign. Marshal Graziani, like the other officers under Mussolini, spent three months preparing fortifications in the Western Desert that were so badly conceived that they fell like ninepins when the British attacked.

### Italian Statement

ROME, Dec. 26 (Dome)—As the battle on the Cyrenaica front continued with undiminished intensity between artillery, the Italian submarine Moceno under the command of Captain Alberto Agostini sank two large steamers in the Atlantic while hitting another with a torpedo, the Italian High Command claimed in a communiqué.

Italian planes attacked British advanced positions heavily bombing them, the communiqué stated. It also claimed that British mechanized units south of Cyrenaica were "effectively" bombed by Italian warplanes.

On the Greek front, Italian forces repulsing Greek attacks at many points captured a number of prisoners while causing considerable damage to the Greek forces, declared the communiqué.

## Import & Export Figures

### Britain During October

LONDON, Dec. 26 (British Wires)—Imports into Britain during the month of November states the Board of Trade, reached £72,930,430 compared with £83,095,665 in October and £84,442,757 in November last year.

Figures for food, drink and tobacco were £25,721,000 against £32,607,000 in October and £38,657,000 in November last year.

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